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Riaru de Reberu Age Shitara Hobo Chītona Jinsei ni Natta - Volume 1 - Chapter 1

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Digging a hole and burying the hole.

Digging the hole, and burying that hole.

Digging up the hole that was just buried, and then proceeding to fill it up again.

That was plenty of useless actions……The point is that the act itself is a futile conduct to repeat. The act rivals putting particles of dandelion (a type of flower that can break into very small pieces) on top of slices of raw sashimi (Japanese raw fish), it's the kind of act that can make you go insane. Most likely due to the destructive power of such monotonous acts to the mind, it was used as a form of prison punishment in some far away country.

Right now, such a thing was intently done by a lone young boy,

at night, in a small park just around the neighborhood residence.

Recent social conditions are reflected in the entrance of the park, the signs displayed things like "playing ball is prohibited" or "idle chatting is prohibited" there was plenty of other signs up to 77 of them. It would make more sense and convey the message quicker if they had a single sign stating "This is a restricted area – Do not enter", it would seem that thinking about such things is pointless, and the existence of the 77 signs seems to be a complete waste of tax payer's money.

Inside the park Natsuno Taiyo was there.

He performed an action that was not restricted by the signboards.

Bringing a large winter shovel meant for digging up snow, he was in the middle of the sandpit digging a hole.

Digging a hole, and then filling it up.

Digging a hole, and then filling it up.

Digging up the hole that was just filled, and proceeding to cover it up again.

The act that can only be defined as a useless conduct, was whole heartedly performed by this young man.

Naturally……. This futile act was not part of the 77 prohibited acts displayed in the sign boards.

At least for now.

The more he digs, he feels that there seems to be something collecting within the depths of his body.

Whenever he fills up the hole, he feels that something begins to accumulate within his mind.

Taiyo continues to dig and cover up the holes in the pit.

Zaku Zaku, Zaku Zaku Zaku…….. (Sound of him digging)

「Hey you there, can I talk to you for a moment? 」

Around the time that his brain fluids was about to burst out from his pointless actions, Taiyo suddenly hears a voice calling out to him, in the next instant a bright light illuminates his face. Faced with the sudden dazzling light, he narrowed his eyes, raised his hand to his face and averts his eyes from the light.

「What is it? —-oh, a Policeman? 」

Although an irritated voice was raised, it was quickly replaced with a startled voice.

The person that stood there wore a deep blue uniform with an officer cap/hat. He was a public servant for the government, in other words he was a police officer.

If it was a woman, in other words if the other party was a police woman, Taiyo may have become excited or even happy. However, this person was a man and Taiyo's interest in a man can be compared to a water flea's snot! Quickly, his mood became sullenly.

He was unhappy because the flash light that was shone on his face was too bright and the fact that his actions had been interrupted.

「Wha, what is it? 」

「You, what are you doing here exactly? 」

「What am i doing?…..ahh」

At the policeman's question, Taiyo was at a loss for words.

He looked around his surroundings in order to think of a retort. He thought to shout out "You got a complaint?!" as a reply, but quickly realised the position he was in and what he was carrying with him, furthermore the actions he was performing right before the policeman arrived, from an objective point of view was indeed very odd.

Because of this, the vigour/confidence he had before very quickly withered away.

「Ehhh…….Ummmm….」

「Yeah? 」

「That is, I mean……」

「Hurry up and spit it out, what exactly where you doing? 」

「The hole….. I was digging a hole, yeah that's it……」

It was hard for Taiyo to articulate his words and his mouth felt like it jammed up.

After hearing that explanation the policeman whom was usually suspicious under normal

circumstances, puckered his eye brows even further, to the extent that he could probably grab a stack of papers just with his eyebrows alone.

The policeman used his flash light to illuminate both Taiyo's face and also at the hole he dug alternating between comparing the two.

「What were you digging up? or were you burying something?」

「Eh? no! no! I wasn't burying anything! 」

At the sudden accusatory tone Taiyo became completely flustered.

From the policeman's question he began to imagine all sorts of scenarios. A person in the rain with an umbrella digging up a hole for a dead body……using fire to burn the evidence those kinds of scenes played out in his head.

In the direction this conversation was going, there was no doubt he will be accused, therefore he was beginning to panic.

「I was only digging, let me show you, it's like this: dig, bury, and dig bury」

In attempt to prove his innocence, Taiyo was reproducing the actions he performed previously. However, the more he proceeded with his actions the policeman's eyes had even more doubt and stared at him like he was a guilty person.

「Reporting in, this is at the third junction in the public park, we have discovered a suspicious person. The culprit is wearing a high school uniform――」

「Wait a minute! Who are you contacting with your walkie talkie?!」

「You, what's your name? You look like a student but, is that uniform yours? 」

「No no, let me explain, like I said all I was doing was digging and burying the hole, there isn't anything suspicious about that is there?」

「Everyone who is guilty says that at first」

「Please give me one last chance to explain, I haven't got to the end! You have to believe me I really did nothing at all」

「Is that so, now then, will you finally tell me where the real place is? 」

「Like I said, there is no body, I was just digging and burying some sand in the pit」

「Alright, Understood, let's continue this conversation at the police station, shall we? 」

「You completely don't understand what I am saying at all do you?!」

「You can leave the hole as it is, just drop the shovel on the ground, put your hands behind your head and do not resist」

「Already treating me like a criminal!?」

「I will wait until the count of 3」

「No, this is a misunderstanding―-」

In order to make an explanation, Taiyo stabbed his scope into the sand pit.

In that moment―

「TEH REH REH TE TE TE TE—♪　Taiyo-chan has levelled up!!」 (**level up sound effects: Special Illustrations are here**)

In front of him a fairy of around 30 centimetres suddenly appeared in front of him.

She had long flowing golden hair and much like the colour of grass, she was wearing a one piece green dress. On her back were wings that she flapped like a butterfly, there is no doubt she is a fairy.

Taiyo was expectantly waiting for her to disclose the information that she came to deliver.

「Ohhh, finally I levelled up?!」

「Yes sir—, you are now Level 3! 」

「Level 3 is it, It took much longer than I expected」

「That's not entirely true〜, Taiyo-chan may have felt that it was a long period of time but, in reality the speed at which you progress is within the 1% of geniuses, On the contrary its absurdly fast ya know〜 Normally this kind of speed would be a cheat so much so that you would definitely be BANNED」

「Is it really that fast? Well, my speciality is after all levelling up in games」

「Yeah! As expected of Taiyo-chan. You have even been called the Deadly Level Upper〜」(the term deadly was from 必殺 which can mean "bringing certain death", "one hit knockout", "one hit kill" etc.)

「That's enough flattery. More importantly I gained an increase in my abilities with this level up right? 」

「Of course, it went up vigorously〜 it's only after you reach around level 90 that your abilities won't improve as much.」

「Unexpectedly there is a game where you can't increase in abilities. In that case, can you please elaborate on this for me? 」

「Certainly. Before that what shall we do about the display mode? Should I just specifically display the abilities that increased or also display the abilities that decreased? 〜」

「There is abilities that decrease? 」

—-He was surprised for only a moment, and then he quickly regained his composure.

「Well, it is true, for example…. if a Zombie Character gains a level his hp may decrease, and if he increases his strength, his speed may also drop」

「That is exactly the case〜」

The fairy's answer was very cheerful, and Taiyo raised his hands to his chin to think about what he just heard.

「In that case, I would like you to display all the changes in abilities, whether they increased or decreased. You can also omit the things that didn't change at all. Can you please do that for me? 」

「Of course I can〜 But what a fast decision you made〜」

「The game I played yesterday also had this kind of system, I believe it’s the best choice to go with」

「I see, I understand. Well then, I will now display your abilities〜」

「Alright! Bring it on! 」

After exchanging those words with the fairy, Taiyo made a fist with his hand and did a victory pose, he was very excited to see what changes he would have. To Taiyo, a person whom loves to level up via hard work in games, the moment where he would receive his rewards is his most beloved phase of the game.

Because of this, he completely forgot the position he was currently in. He did something that he would not normally do in ordinary circumstances.

「You, what are you doing? 」

「…….Ehh? 」

He was literally being talked to by the policeman like he was a guilty culprit charged with murder, his line of vision retracted from the fairy currently giving him a report to the direction of the policeman.

「Huh? Isn’t this too MUCH of an increase?!」

「Ohhh, There is even this many Guard dogs〜」

There was at least 5 policeman standing there, and they proceeding to cautiously surround him.

There was even policeman who had a gun attached to their waists, it was an outrageous situation.

「Ah haha…..」

When Taiyo remembers the actions he took moments ago, he realises how much trouble he is in right now. He alternates looking between the fairy and the policeman.

「They can’t see you can they? 」

「Of course! The only one who can see me is only you Taiyo〜」

「They must have thought I was talking to myself like a crazy person, Darn it…..」

The fairy answered him promptly, but Taiyo could only think his thoughts inside his mind.

「Hurry up and raise your hands, quickly! 」

「I understand, just please don’t point your guns at me! 」

Whilst surrendering to the policeman and being dragged away…….. Taiyo starts to reminisce his meeting with the fairy.

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Chapter 3: And at the Park…..

Before he met Hera, Taiyou was a very normal high school student.
For exams, he usually studied in the last minute which allowed him to avoid failing. For physical exercise classes he could barely keep up with the track and field students so that he wouldn't be a hindrance. His face was also average looking……Additionally he thought that there was no chance he would get a girlfriend and each year on Valentine's Day and Christmas day he would be alone.

He fantasized about having a childhood friend whom he would promise to marry or it was even alright for him to get summoned to another world by a pink coloured beautiful girl (bishoujou) and getting treated as a pet dog. If those were to happen it would be like hitting a home run for Taiyou. Unfortunately for him there was not a single event that could spark his life. (I think the pink haired girl is a reference to an anime called Zero no Tsukaima)
Therefore as usual today, for him the: sights, taste, smell, feeling and hearing he will experience are going to be just like any normal day…… At least it was supposed to be.

In the morning, Taiyou was wearing his school uniform and walking on his way to school whilst playing on his smart phone.
He just acquired this smart phone yesterday, and it was advertised from a net source as the newest model as a sturdy phone with a great customer guarantee.

The screen did not have a single scratch, and on the display was female swordsman in a western style fantasy background, this female warrior was moving very fluently whilst fighting a metallic coloured monster. Whilst walking Taiyou effortlessly maneuvered the character, and one after another he defeated the metallic coloured monsters that popped out.
In the corner of his display, his character's level was seen. She was a whopping level 254. For him, the fact his level was so high represented that the game was very close to being cleared.

「Good morning Natsuno, playing that game again? 」 (Note: Natsuno is main char, in Japanese people are referred to with their last names for politeness at least until they become very good friends)
「Hm? Oh it's you Nakajima. Good morning」

Because a voice called out to him he raised his face from his phone, and standing next to him he saw his classmate Nakajima Katsuki.

He isn't what you would call a close friend/buddy, Katsuki was just a friendly person in general and he would to talk everyone, Taiyou also got used to Katsuki casually talking to him.
As he keeps walking side by side with Katsuki, he dropped his gaze back to his smart phone and continued to walk.

「What ya playing? …..hang on, you've been playing that one for ages, is that a net game? 」
「Nope, it's just the usual RPG roleplay. There are barely any online functions available on this fellow」 (Note: they are both talking in impolite form, so I am also trying to use more casual words instead of rigid ones)
「Hee, Can you really play a normal RPG for such a long period of time? …..Huh, your level is freaking high ?!!」
「It ain't too bad」

Seeing the shocked face of Katsuki, he was pretty satisfied with the reaction he was getting, and he felt a little proud so he responded smugly.

「This game can only go up to a max level of 255 before the counter stops going up. Most likely I think I can do it by tomorrow」
「That so? It seems to take a lot of dedication to level up. That's amazing, if you leveled up that much the last boss must be a piece of cake」
「Eh? There is no such thing as defeating a last boss ya know? 」

Taiyou raised his face and had an expression that said, 「What are you on about? 」

「You can't defeat the last boss? Then what's the point of raising your level? 」
「……..Because there is experience points to grind? 」
「I don't understand the point! It's even more confusing than climbing a mountain! 」

Katsuki fiercely pestered Taiyou.

「I mean, if you can't even defeat a last boss, why do you try so hard to raise your level? Is it really that fun? 」
「It's really fun, because when you increase the level in game, you become that much stronger! 」
「Well that fact is true, after all a game is made to be that way」
「That's the reason I am playing」
「???」

Hearing Taiyou's response, Katsuki tilted his head and had a totally confused expression on his face.
Although it wasn't such a complex matter, When Taiyou tried to explain to others in detail all he got was weird looks in return, therefore Taiyou did not explain any further.
He just became silent, and whilst walking, went back to grinding out those experience points.

The female warrior in the game continued to defeat the dark grey colored monsters.
Although the amount of experience this monster gave wasn't that high, this particular monster was easy to defeat, and within this game it was the most time efficient way to grind out experience points.

Although he didn’t count properly and cannot say for sure, the amount of times he has defeated this particular monster can be approximated to be over 10,000 times.
Knowing such a fact, rather than a game, it was closer to calling it a chore. However, Taiyou didn’t mind this fact at all.

Even if it was a chore, if it allowed him to raise his level, he would gladly and continuously repeat the action.
He was just that type of human being.

Although Katsuki walked side by side with Taiyou who was focused on his game, for a brief moment. He soon discovered his many close friends, and he raised his hands to wave at them.

「Good morning, Kazane-chan, Kotone-chan and Suzune-chan. Even today the loveliness you three girls display is multiplied by 3! Oh by the way, I happened to overhear the conversation the other day, I heard that because you guys are identical triplets, you guys all like the same guy, is this true? 」

Taiyou raised his head and glimpsed at them. The people Katsuki was talking to just then was precisely the three girls. Although they are identical triplets, they are a bit different from other triplets, this is because they are very famous girls. Not only are they really cute, they are very popular and have a celebrity status.
Hearing Katsuki’s words, Taiyou thought, if only I could get a girlfriend as beautiful as these girls……but he quickly shook off those thoughts out of his head.
After all he was just the average Joe whilst the other party were very desirable, he thought this privately for second, before he went back into his own game world.

Even at school Taiyou, spends his free time trying to level up.
Even if there was only a minute of break time, he would immediately pull out his smart phone, peta peta pochi pochi (sounds of him pressing buttons on his phone) he would dedicate his time to slaying the same monster with the female warrior over and over.

After long years of arduously leveling up, even when he started a new game he would soon find some sort of leveling loophole whereby he would find and defeat the monster that gave the most experience.
Even now, he found himself the perfect hunting grounds. Which gave him the highest amount of experience points, and he would focus all his efforts on grinding out his levels.
Right after school, the amount of experience he accumulated in his character finally exceeded 99%. He calculated that he could level up every 30 minutes following his crazy methods.
For him clearing a game doesn’t entail achieving a completed story or by defeating the final boss, it was about achieving the highest level possible.
In other words, because he was so close to clearing the game in his eyes, his tension naturally rose to the limits.

Just like how he went to school, he took the same path on his way home, he was walking as usual whilst playing on his smart phone.
(Just a bit more…….99.51, 99.52, 99.53……..)
With each monster he defeated he gained 0.01% EXP, in the beginning this piled up very quickly, however, now that he is so close to his goals, every percent was counted down.

His heartbeat began to quicken, and he did something he normally wouldn’t do, which is confirm each time he gained an experience point.

He became excited, and it became all that could fill his head.

Because of this, the things he would normally do coincidentally slipped from his mind, and he ended up not doing them.
The thing he was doing until just recently was completely neglected.
That is watching where he was going.

——-DONN! (Crash sound effect)

Suddenly his vision darkens/blurred out, he bumped into something right in front of him, and at the same time a small shriek was heard.
In that moment of excitement, his smart phone slipped from his sweaty hands and vanished.

「ahh……」

His smart phone flew away like a parabola flying through space and he saw all this happening in slow motion.
It’s almost as if his world had stopped and a feeling that something bad was about to happen.

He understood that with his intuition, he desperately reached out towards his phone strap with futility.
However, His body could not keep up. Although his brain was in an accelerated state, he was nothing more than a human being.

Slowly his phone strap left his fingers. His intention is to grab his phone, but his body won’t react.
Only in his mind was he able to grab his phone. Before long, the smart phone which has exceeded its trajectory, begins to fall down—-
———DOKA ! BAKI BAKI BAKI! (Sound effects of phone tumbling)
The phone which fell into the road, was run over by a truck and smashed into small little pieces, he couldn’t believe his eyes nor process the information, so all he could do was stare dumbfounded at the broken pieces.

He did not have a recollection of how he returned to his own room. Before he realized it he was in his own 6 squared one room complex, and the shattered pieces of his smart phone was left on his desk whilst he blankly stared at the pieces.
His most prized possession moved no longer, it was because the damage the phone received was nothing like a cracked glass which resembled a spider’s web, it was fatally and thoroughly grind to dust.

Suddenly, something entered his field of vision.
It was the thing that existed on the other side of this table, inside his wooden bookshelf. In that shelf there was a large quantity of games and save data’s memory, not only that there was also the previous generation of smart phones which he had used.
All the things had one thing in common, that was, it contained all the data that he had accumulated, and every single smart phone device had a character which was max level in it.

Seeing his prized treasures, the feeling of depression which dropped him to the bottom was replaced with a burning motivation.
He stared intently at his shattered smart phone.

「This time round, I won't fail to raise to the highest level alright! 」

This, he pledged. Thereupon, as if was responding to his oath.

「Do you want to increase? 」
「Eh? 」
「Do you want to increase in level? 」

As if he misheard, he was hearing an echo of a woman's voice inside his head.

「Wh, who is it? Who's talking to me? 」
「Its' me, It's me, Hey over here〜」

It was as if someone was playing tricks on him.

「Where are you, show your form! 」

Taiyou rapidly stood up and dashed towards the broom which was nearby in his room, he proceeded to take a vigilant stance with it in hand.

「Okay, Please wait a minute〜」

Immediately after, the shattered pieces of phone which were on his table began to glitter/shine. After that, shattered pieces gathered together and spun around in high velocity like a tornado, before long it changed into particles of light. The particle of light continuously merges into a solid like shape……it was turning into something very human like.
If one were to describe it, it was like one of those fantastical beings, the being called a fairy.
Taiyou was completely bewildered and he lost his words. What used to be before his eyes was a real smart phone, but unbelievably it turned into a real living fairy!

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「Do you want to increase in level? 」 (Hera says the shortened word Reberage “Level Increase”)

「Did you say Level Increase? 」

「That’s right. Ah, could it be you didn’t understand that? “Level Increase” is also known as Leveling Up, or more simply put, it’s when you accumulate enough Experience Points by doing various things in the field in order to Level—」

「That explanation is way too complicated and even harder to understand. Not that I don’t like it but」

He put one hand forward and used it to rub his temple. (Temple as in forehead temple) As of this moment, he really doesn’t know how to react to the situation which just occurred in front of him.

For the time being, let me try pinching my cheeks.

「It hurts」

「What’s the matter? Taiyou-chan is still level 1, so even if you pinch your cheeks you won’t get any experience you know? 〜」

「I know that doing this sort of thing won’t increase my experience points……the better question is, you, what are you exactly? 」

「Me? I am the Level Fairy, My name is Hera. ah, just letting you know I’m the Level Fairy, not the Level Deity, therefore, don’t get any weird ideas about doing any ecchi pranks on me kay〜?」

「Sorry, I am below 18 years of age, so I don’t really understand that kind of material」

Taiyou had very distant eyes. Contrary to his words, his mind was still filled with the trauma of not being able to raise his female swordsman’s to the max level.

「Is that really so? However, I am really happy that you aren’t going to play any mean tricks on —— muah! 」 (muah = “me” said in a really cutesy way)

Taiyou grabbed Hera and began to touch all over her body.

「What are you doing?! Didn’t you just promise me you wouldn’t do anything ecchi? 」

「Ahh, I had to make sure that you were real. I thought your body may not have any substance」

「You can touch me ya know, At least Taiyou-chan can」

「Only me? 」

「Yes. Only Taiyou-chan can touch me. Other people cannot see me let alone touch me. Because I am an exclusive being in charge of Taiyou-chan」

「Is that the case? 」

「It's true〜. At any rate Taiyou-chan is really composed, this is the first time since I was born that someone was not surprised by seeing me」

「…… Is this, perhaps, one of those punch line jokes, where because this is the first job you had since you were born, you are trying to show redeeming qualities of an experienced worker」

「Biku! 」 (Sound effects of Hera shuddering)

Hera's body trembled exaggeratedly.

「I hit it right on the mark, didn't I? Well, I guess this kind of thing happens way too often doesn't it 」

「Taiyou-chan…..You are way to composed」

「I've been told that a lot, when I am angry or when I surprised people tell me that I am so calm that it's disgusting」

「Is that so? 」

「……To put this together, you are some sort of a Fairy, and I have achieved some sort of qualifications, and you are my supervisor which can allow me to gain some level ups, is that a good overview? 」

「That was a lot you had to say….. But that is correct, you understood so quickly this saves me a lot of time〜」

「If you were a god, you would probably be able to explain this a lot faster. Well, you are somewhat of a similar race so let's leave it at that」

Taiyou, had a distant look on his face again but for a completely different reason. He had a look on his face that said, I can't believe this is happening to me.

「Nevertheless, why did you choose me? 」

「Umm, it's because of this」

Hera buoyantly/floating over the table and flew towards the wooden book shelf. And she began to softly touch the cleared game data and game software which was on the shelf.

「It's because Taiyou-chan has love/affection〜」

「love? 」

「Yes, the love of raising a level. That's why I chose you Taiyou-chan〜」

「That’s all there is to it? 」

「A person who can continue to carry things out to the extremes, is rare in this world. A person like Taiyou-chan who would complete every single game they played until the max level is like one person in 100 million. In Japan, you are the only one」

「……weirdly enough, that doesn’t make me too happy. Well, at least I know the reason now」

Taiyou let out a light sigh.

「So, what do I have to do in order to gain experience points? Do I have to encounter some Yakuza/hoodlums in the vicinity and fight against them? Just letting you know but I am really weak, I won’t be able to defeat a goblin let alone a slime」

「It’s alright〜, gaining experience points is nothing difficult like what you mentioned, in the beginning anyone can do it〜…… It’s more like doing a repetitive chore/task」

「I am completely used to doing something boring in order to level up, I don’t care about that at all. So, what is the task exactly? 」

「Yes〜….. ah, something came up just in time〜. Its this〜」 (Note: Hera talks in a cutesy manner so I am adding ~ whenever she ends with なのです)

Saying those things, Hera pointed towards a box under the shelf as if it was her most prized possession. The box was about as big as her, Taiyou grabbed it and took a long hard look at it.

「……..Jenga?」(note: Jenga is a game where players take turns in removing blocks from a tower in order to balance it on top)

「That’s right, First off take it out from the box and please arrange/pile it on the table」

「Like this? 」

「Now then, please destroy/demolish it in one go」

「……..Like this? 」

「Once the blocks have all fallen, now please proceed to piling it up again」

「……..Oi, don’t tell me? 」

「With this your experience points went up by 1! 」

「Hey! This really is a chore! 」

「That’s what I told you, the task is something of a fatigue duty〜. What will you do? 」

「No, even so, I will continue to do it」

Taiyou continued to repeat the action. He piled up the blocks, then he tips them over, then he piles it up again and tips them over again.

No matter which angle you saw it from, you would think that what he was doing was a completely useless action.

「…….Do you really think this will increase my level? 」

Suddenly, Hera had a serious look and she listened intently. Taiyou also glanced at Hera in return.

「If I was to talk about this to other random people, let's see….. If I told people that I had memory loss and suddenly discovered I had a miniature fairy as a sister, I would be immediately kicked out of my home, and most likely dragged away by a yellow ambulance (for crazy people).that's because to other people you are an inexplicable life existence. That's pretty much what would happen」

「Is that so〜? 」

「Anyhow, you, are you a living life form? Do you need to eat something to survive? 」

「Food? I don't really need to eat anything to live, but I can also choose to eat. My foundations are omnivorous just like a human, I can eat anything a human can, however if it is at all possible, I prefer to eat meals with a low/diluted/sparse salt content」

「Ahhh, so you like Dog Food? 」

「Hey! I am not a dog! 」

「Alright fine, I understand, From now on I will officially call you by the name Hera」

「He……tsu, Wait a moment, isn't that the thing that Taiyou-chan wanted to get so badly, the one that was in front of the station?」(It doesn't state where he gets her name from. Most likely it's a name from a game or maybe the name of one of his characters?)

「Unexpectedly you know various things eh, because you were a level up Fairy I thought that you would only have knowledge about gaming. Even though you were just born today, how do you even remember such things? 」

Whilst Taiyou was continuing to pile up and demolish his Jenga blocks, he tried to gain some information out of Hera.

「uuuu…That's cheating, Taiyou-chan is way too composed〜」

Whilst he continues his laborious work of piling up and destroying his Jenga blocks for experience points, he tried to ask various questions to Hera in the hopes of gleaming out some sort of useful information, however in the end he didn't really gain anything of value.

After a while, most of the interest he had towards Hera's background was gone.

(More importantly I wonder what happens when I gain a level? and if I achieve the maximum level I wonder what I will be able to do?)

Taiyou is a person whom has always raised his game characters to the maximum level. From his general knowledge of gaming, when a person gains a level they will be able to increase their abilities, and if they hit the maximum level, at the very least they will be an invincible/unrivaled existence within the game.

However, this was the real world, and in normal circumstances he wouldn't even be able to raise his level let alone gain experience points. It was very natural that he thought about these things as he was suddenly given the power to be able to raise a level by Hera, and it made him imagine the endless possibilities.

Whilst thinking of the various possibilities, he continued to pile up and demolish the Jenga blocks for a period of one hour.

「Oh」

Hera awoke with a start, and then as if she was dancing around a tree she jumped up.

「Terere te te te–♪ Taiyou-chan Leveled up! You are now Level 2〜」

「Did it finally happen? With that said, it took a pretty long time to raise my level from 1 to 2 didn't it? 」

「That's just how this works〜」

「That so. Well, now what? I increased my level after all」

「Yes, various abilities have gone up〜 Ah, Taiyou-chan it's your real life abilities that went up you know? It a little bit different from the normal parameters a human would normally increase, but still, various abilities really did increase okay〜? 」

「Huh? 」

「And also your cold has disappeared/recovered, your body/skin is gleaming and your nose has cleared up〜 」

「Why is it my cold?! Well it is natural that your status/stats recover when you level up but.」

「Now now〜, we will be moving on to the abilities that you gained, okay〜」

「Oh, ooo…..」 (I think this is his reaction getting of getting excited : P?)

Taiyou was attacked by a strange sensation. His head was instantly filled with a torrent of information that consisted of characters and numbers which rushed through his field of vision.

「Strength 21, Agility 3, HP……This kind of feels like a great amount of abilities to examine」

Whilst trying to grasp an understanding of his own abilities, he tried to process the information and compare it with his abundant gaming knowledge. It was mostly very similar to the games he usually played so he had an easy time grasping the main concepts of his increase in abilities.

Incidentally, he saw an ability value that he wasn't familiar with.

「Popularity 1, Charm 0…..Hmm, This feels like reality just hit me in the face」 (interestingly, it says Harem (ハーレム) instead of charm but I think the author meant Charm so…)

「Eh? What happened? 」

「Don't worry about it, its nothing.」

Taiyou said this whilst exhaling/sighing. He grasped the concepts of the abilities that he raised in one go, and acknowledged that for a level 1 character, his stats fit the bill…..Reality also hit him hard as, he realized that his popularity and charm were close to

non-existent.

However, he was satisfied with this. As he a hobby, rather than increasing an average amount of status points and distributing evenly, he would rather focus on one thing and be great at that thing.

For that purpose, he became motivated more than ever.

「Now then, shall we grind out a bit more? 」

Saying this Taiyou went back to piling up the Jenga blocks, however.

「Ah, that’s not right. What you need to do now, to get experience points, now that you have achieved level two is different. Simply put, every level the things you must do to advance will be different〜」

「Is that so? Then what do I have to do next? 」

「Umm that is…. Please dig up a hole」

「In this way, in order for him to raise his level, he went towards the park in blissful ignorance, not knowing that a certain policeman was waiting for his arrival.」

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Chapter 4: Overflowing After School

Chapter 3: And at the Park…..

Chapter 5: Uninvited School Rumble

Night time: On the way home.

Taiyou was completely exhausted. Even though he tried to explain himself, he was taken custody into the police station as he was doing something so suspicious, in the police station he was interrogated thoroughly, but when they investigated from the beginning in reality all he did was dig up some holes and then bury them, therefore no matter how much they examined the scene, all they found was a pile of dirt and couldn't really pin anything on him.

In the end, he was treated as a weird/eccentric person and he got his innocence proven therefore he was able to be liberated from his arrest.

「Darn it…….This is the first time since I was born that I have experienced being treated this way by policeman…….」

「That was a terrible ordeal wasn't it〜? Are you going to eat a Katsu Donbori before you go home? 」(Note: Katsu Donbori is a delicious bowl of rice topped with fried pork cutlet, egg, and condiments.)

Hera looked towards Taiyou with a sympathetic gaze, whilst floating delicately beside him.

「I'm not eating! I mean, whose fault do you think this is?…..」

「Mmmmm〜」

Hera pondered for a bit.

「Is it by any chance〜? Taiyou's Mother〜? 」 (how adorably kawaii this fairy is

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Chapter 5: Uninvited School Rumble

Chapter 4: Overflowing After School

Chapter 6: The Youth with an Unbalanced Diet

As a new day begins, much like any normal student would do, Taiyou went to school.

He attended a private high school named Orikan, he was in first grade class A. To get to his class room, he needed to enter the school building, go up the stairs and walk to the furthest part of the building that is where he goes to attend school every day.
Until yesterday, he had a very easy going attitude when attending school, he would nonchalantly listen to his lectures and in his free time he would be playing some sort of game whilst levelling up. Without generating any special events his life would continue in a peaceful manner, it was that kind of uninteresting place.
However, today was different.

「Natsuno-kun, have you chosen the classes you are going to attend? 」
「Natsuno-kun, if you defeat this mushroom like thing will you gain something called a level? 」
「Natsuno-kun, I completely don't get how to play this game? 」

A little before homeroom started, the three Hayakawa Sisters found Taiyou on his way to school, they immediately pulled out their smart phones and surrounded Taiyou. They completely ignored the stares of the surrounding people, and pestered Taiyou with gaming questions.
Taiyou was baffled by this. He thought the three sister's actions were a mystery, the other people in the vicinity started to gather and whisper about something or other, and the girls seems to get closer and closer to him, because of this he was able to experience a fragrant womanly scent coming from the girls.

Like a rich dribble of honey, it was a refreshing citrus like smell, it was a tantalising smell that could melt his brains.
Taiyou whom had no luck with women until now, just being in close proximity with the girls, one part of his body began to have a reaction it shouldn't have.
He desperately tried to retain his reasoning, and asked the three sisters.

「Umm…..You guys, what do I owe this pleasure to? 」
「We really want to do the things that you like to do, together」
「Before that, it's completely fine for you to speak to us without honorifics, alright」
「Yeah, it would be nice if you could talk to us in a more carefree manner〜」
「Well, even if you say that…… Why did you guys suddenly do this? 」

After exchanging glances with one another, the three sisters began to answer one after another like a relay.

「Do you remember, the thing we said last night? 」
「We are really serious about it」
「We want to do the things you like doing」
「uuuu…..」
「「「Do you dislike……. us three? 」」」

The three sisters had a painful look in their eyes, as they waited expectantly for an answer. Looking at such a facial expression, Taiyou couldn't help but gulp.
If he were asked to clarify whether he disliked them or not, Taiyou could answer with confidence that he most definitely did not hate them.

Certainly, these three women were a little different from the normal twins. If you took their individual photos you wouldn't even be able to suspect that they were different people, however in reality as explained before the three has a fatal distinction in which their heights were different from each other.
Kotone's height is 150 cm, Suzune was 140 cm and Kazane was like a little red riding hood at a height of 130 cm.
Taiyou didn't really have an idea, why the three sisters suddenly behaved like this, at any rate, it was harder for him to ignore their feelings.

Previously the girls held little favour towards Taiyo. Now they suddenly confessed their love, rather than saying that he didn't like it, it was more like he was jumping in joy deep inside.
Therefore Taiyou decided to honestly answer to their feelings.

「I don't hate you girls, on the contrary, I'm quite happy」
「「「Really?! We are so glad!!」」」
「「「In that case, with us—」」」
「Uwa—」

Taiyou interrupted what the sisters were about to say with his own surprised shout. It was just like what happened last night……Most likely they were about to confess to him again, however if they were to confess inside his classroom, he felt like there would be repercussions, so he attempted to stop them from saying it.

「Its amazing, he's so popular. As expected of my Taiyou-chan〜」

When homeroom break started, lacking any true motives he ran away from the three sisters, and he went in the gymnasium whilst calling out to Hera. Hera's face was full of smiles, but Taiyou on the contrary had a complicated expression on his face.

「Did I really become popular….? 」
「Aren't ya happy〜? Those three……..Kotone, Suzune and Kazane, aren't they really cute girls? Being liked by those cute girls are you somehow displeased? 」
「Those girls are really cute…….I mean even if they weren't cute, being pampered/spoiled by three girls I'm extremely happy, however….. When it's such an obscure/unknown/ambiguous reason and they approached me like today, I instead felt unpleasant 」

Taiyou let out a sigh and looked seriously towards Hera. He suddenly remembered a certain thing.

「Hey, am I unable to see my status unless I level up? 」
「That is not the case, 〜 Even if you would like to see your status right now I can bring it up for you〜」
「In that case, Please show me one more time」
「Coming right up〜」

After her answer of approval, Hera floated into the air and did a back flip. When Taiyou was in the process of thinking, there is probably some kind of meaning to what she was doing, his head was once again flooded with information and numerals. It was exactly the same as last night, the images went directly to his brain and displayed a clear image, much like the sensation you get when having a daydream.
He flew quickly through the irrelevant information such as: Strength and HP, and Taiyou focused on the information he truly desired. He soon found it.

Charm/Harem 65535

「It's probably because of this stat」
「This one is it〜…….Eh? 」
「What's wrong? 」
「This is, a little weird〜. The numerical value is also weird, it was supposed to go down, but it went up instead〜」
「Even though it went down, it went up? —- You, do you know what the previous number was? 」
「I remember it〜 if I'm not mistaken charm/harem was at a value of 0〜 」
「If it decreased from 0……So that's how it is, Its Overflow! 」

Taiyou was startled and spoke.
In a game he played awhile back, the numerical had an upper limit and a lower limit, when either side was exceeded, they would instead force the numeral's to flow in reverse. In this scenario the value of charm/harem which was originally at 0 decreased, most likely there is no such thing as a negative value in this world, therefore it reversed and instead became a ridiculously large numeric.

「Aside from that……」

Taiyou took a glimpse at Hera. By guessing, he concluded that the sudden rise in popularity received by the three sisters was because of this fact.

At night, Taiyou aimed to become level 4, his current task this time around was to flip over a one yen coin repeatedly. This time the action is a simple matter, all he needed to do was go to his table and start flipping the 1 yen coin to heads then flip it back to tails, and just do this repeatedly…….That was the kind of chore it was.
Although it was a similar type of repetitive duty as yesterday's event in the park, he could do this particular action at home and Taiyou felt really relieved from the fact that he wouldn't have to be "indebted" to the policeman once again.

[Nevertheless, Taiyou-chan is a really serious person isn't he〜? You would get a standing ovation from all the American's for your seriousness, ya know〜」
「What a false picture you paint! American's wouldn't do such a thing as standing in unison」

Taiyou experienced Goosebumps just imagining the situation.

「More importantly, what do you mean by seriousness? 」
「Well I mean, you are able to continuously perform these meaningless tasks without resting〜」
「The one making me do these things is you, ain't it Moreover, not even 3 hours has passed, and if you could level up anyone would do it if they only needed 3 hours」
「Is that so〜? 」

Taiyou nodded and with distant eyes he let out a laugh, (sound effect = pfft)

「I used to play this net game, and comparing the amount of time it took to gain even one level, this is nothing…..」
「Look here/you know what though? Taiyou-chan」
「Un? 」
「In later stages of this process……. When you reach a high level, it may be just as hard as it was in that game ya know〜? 」

Hera had an apologetic look on her face.

「……..All I have to do is just continue to grind it out to level right? And when I gain a level my stats will increase right? 」
「Yes, I can guarantee that—! 」
「In that case, it's all good.」

Taiyou interrupted whatever Hera was about to say with those words. He then returned, to continue to turn his 1 yen coin back from heads to tails and vice versa.
As long as he keeps doing an action he will continue to increase his abilities, which in itself is his obsession and his number one reason for levelling.

In real life there are way too many things in which you can do, but won't be rewarded for it. As a student sure if he studies hard he may be rewarded in the long run, however, even then, all a student can do is to increase his grades.
However in a game, the more you increase your level, the higher your abilities will be. In other words, the amount of hard work you put in will inevitably be rewarded.

This is why comparing to the previous work he did yesterday, and knowing that it is a certain fact that he will grow as a person and receive rewards, for Taiyou doing these kinds of repetitive chores has value/merit.
This is why even now he continues to flip his coin repeatedly from head's to tails.

At the same time he was thinking about a completely different thing inside his head.
Kotone, Suzune and Kazane. The three triplet sisters, whom had differing heights.
The three girls really did say, 'Please go out…. with us'. And also this morning the same words were repeated.

This was him genuinely becoming popular, Taiyou was elated and he rejoiced as he knew he didn't have a genuine/pure personality. If Hera did not exist, he would of assumed that there was a hidden camera somewhere, or some sort of badger game being played on him, Or perhaps, he may have assumed that 'ahhh the earth is probably going to explode and

I’m going to die tommorrow’ as that would be more likely than getting confessed by the three girls.
However, now he had a real explanation as to why he was so popular he could believe it was true, and it was all due to his status 「Charm: 65535」
It wasn’t the normal kind of confession. These three girls brazenly stated 「「「Please go out with us!」」」. Considering the high value of the stat, he could somewhat understand why the effects were so exaggerated.

Although he could accept the fact, he had absolutely no idea how to handle it.
Before he got his abilities, He had barely any relations with woman, he had never been out on dates before let alone, have any idea what to say to a girl. He really didn’t have any of that date experience at all.

「…..ah〜」

Suddenly as if she noticed something Hera raised her voice, her eyes and body were turned towards Taiyou’s home entrance. In the next moment, in one breath’s time the doorbell wrung.
In such a time who could it be? He imagined it to be some sort of telemarketer and simulated how he would decline their offers, he stood up and went towards his entrance and casually opened the door.

What stood before him were the feminine presence of three very cute looking girls wearing casual clothing, they were the three twin sisters.
He was already surprised at their sudden visit, but even more shocking was what they each held in their right hands.

「You guys……What is going on?…..」

What they brought along was, packed to the brim, a poston bag. (Note: basically a luggage bag)

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Chapter 6: The Youth with an Unbalanced Diet

Chapter 5: Uninvited School Rumble

Chapter 7: Transparent Conversational Space

Taiyou's room: it's a standard one unit bedroom for a single person.

Normally the smell in his room gave subdued and calming atmosphere, now if one were go into his room, they would smell the fragrant scent of the girls which most definitely did not calm him down. (Note: here he uses the words women's odour)

No, it's not entirely correct to use the words a "smelly odour" of women. Although there is not mistake in calling it that, it is inappropriate to call the scent coming from the girls a "smelly odour".

In that case, what would be the best way to describe it? —-Because since he was born, three girls never entered his room like this before, he totally panicked and he couldn't think of any words to describe it.

All his life, the only people of the opposite sex that would have come into his room was just his mother.

Inside his bedroom where the low table was at, three young girls and a youth was sitting in place.

Facing towards Taiyou, the three girls were setting on their knees with a straight posture. The girls had a feverish gaze towards him, their amorous glances were excessively passionate, and when he returned their gaze, it was almost enough to give him a burn!

Taiyou's heart began to rapidly beat, and he was flustered.

「Umm, Hayakawa-san—-」

「My name is Kotone」

「Call me is Suzune」

「Call me Kazane」

「Eh? 」

「Please call us by our first names」

「Not even adding -san? 」 (When people become very close, they can remove honorific's, this is the girls method of trying to get closer to him :P)

「Please do so!!」

They had a very first-class tone.

Talking like a relay, they slowly raised bowed whilst pressing three fingers of each hand on the floor.

Surprised by their actions Taiyou quickly raised himself.

「Wai, wait you guys, stop it, raise your heads—」

「「「Before you call our names we aren't going to move from this position」」」

He's not sure how they did do it, but their voices seems to harmoniously come out at the same time.

Because they were so beautifully lined up, he just couldn't refuse their request as he didn't want to let them down.

「In that case….Kazane—-s」

In the last second, just as he was about to use the honorific 「-san」, he repressed his words and called Kazane's name out without honorifics.

This is the first time ever, he's called a female within the same age group as him without any honorifics, and Taiyou felt as if he could not calm down.

Left with such feelings of anxiousness, it did not end there. It would seem that the only one whom raised her face was Kazane.

She watched Taiyou ecstatically, whilst the other two people were still bowing.

Of course he knew without being told, that they were waiting for him to call out their names.

「Kotone—. Suzune—-, please raise your head, I beg of you」

「Yes!」

「I understand!」

In this way, the three girls lifted their heads and once again face towards Taiyou.

Just by calling out their names, even though it was such a simple action, Taiyou was exhausted. Even when he was hunting for monsters three nights in a row, he did not feel the amount of fatigue he felt right now.

He thought that if he continued at this pace with the girls, his body would not be able to keep up, thus Taiyou proceeded to question their intentions for their late night visit. (Note: what else are they here for :P, this noob main char…)

「Ummm……May I ask you guys, why did you guys come here for?」

「We want to live here with you」

Kotone said.

「……Sorry? Can you write that down so I can understand?」

——We want to be together with you.

Suzune took out a notebook from her luggage, and proceeded to scribble those words.

「Sorry, it would seem that my eyes are also quite bad 」

—-Petatsu (Sound effect)

Kazane grabbed Taiyou’s hand and put it against her own chest!

「Uwaa—! Wh, Wha, What are you doing?!」

Although the feelings transmitted to the palm of hands were that of a barely developing chest, even then, the stimulus was too strong for Taiyou. He reflexively shook of Kazane’s hands, and slithered backwards close to the wall.

「Ummm, it’s like that, you still don’t understand? 」

「It’s because we like you」

「We want to live together with you」

「…….I mean, even if you say such a thing so suddenly」

「Are we not allowed? 」

「We can do anything, and we are really good at domestic chores/housework」

「If you wish, we can even—」

Kazane’s speech was cut half way through and her mouth seemed to freeze up, Almost as if imitating her, the two other sisters simultaneously cast their gaze downwards, whilst having their cheeks dyed red in shame.

Seeing Kazane stop her sentence midway, Taiyou began to think, what kind of words did she have to say? What kind of feelings was she experiencing?

Whilst thinking about such things Taiyou gulped and swallowed his saliva.

If a person of the same sex as him were to ask him these kind of questions, he could just return the question and tell them off by saying “Hmph? Are you kidding me?”, However the person asking him the questions were his classmates and most importantly they were the well-known Bishoujo’s the Hayakawa family’s three sisters.

Expectation was building up inside of Taiyou, but at the same time, he was also baffled by the situation just as equally.

If even after all this, a man does act upon the advances of a woman, he may even be ridiculed as a person destined to die out, However for Taiyou even then he did not for one second think to take advantage of the situation.

The youth named Natsuno Taiyou was a tough nut to crack, he was at the age of his puberty where his hormones would be raging, although this fact just aggravated him even more, Taiyou was a fastidious person and he was very careful about what actions he took.

Coming up until here, he took a complete turn in the opposite direction, instead of being enthusiastic he became nonchalant about the girls staying over.

He let out a sigh and faced the three sisters.

「…….I understand, however there is a condition」

「Yes, understood」

「Hold on a minute」

「We will make preparations-」

「No, on the contrary」

Taiyou declared clearly. The three girls were surprised.

「I'm talking about changing the kind of compensation…..for staying over here」

Even now, the girls were trying to present their bodies to him at any given chance, Taiyou calmly interrupted their words.

He disliked taking advantage of the girls and those kind of exchange conditions.

In the morning, Taiyou could hear distinct and rhythmical sounds of chopping coming from his kitchen, his senses were titillated by the aroma of miso soybeans. Although any of these things should have represented the happiness of a familial life, Taiyou who has never experienced these things took some time to recognise it.

He was inside in his bath tub, which was not filled with water and he was absentmindedly trying to wake from his stupor. Last night he was sleeping in this tub, so his body ached all over. Because of that he couldn't get much sleep, but, he thought it was much better than sleeping in a cramped room with the three girls.

Last night he refused to sleep together with them, if he were to continue to be in the same space as the girls, without a doubt something irreversible would have happened. For that reason, he took refuge in his own bathroom, and locked the door so the girls could not come in.

It was not as if he disliked the girls, however, he did not have a fondness to the term "repaying favours", especially not in this way.

Taiyou was like a youth in the middle of his puberty, however he also had this weird side to him that was really uptight.

In a world/society where there are various methods in which young men deal with women, for example, young men:

1. Who are not competitive, in the avid pursuit of money and sex and who may also be kind, co-operative and or family-oriented, and on the other end of the spectrum;
2. A man that aggressively pursues sex and money.

If there was a need to give him a classification, for the time being, Taiyou can be classified as a youth who is either: A person that is not by any means, unpopular or a late bloomer, but will only go out with a girl whom he really likes/ falls in love with; OR the type of nerdy person currently more into games then he is into chasing after women (The type of person he is refers to the title "The Youth with an Unbalanced diet" Note: this translated paragraph was extremely hard to process/understand and convert into meaningful language, if there is still confusion please feel free to ask some questions)

If he doesn't like it, no matter how delicious the food, he will not eat it. (referring to no matter how tempting a girl is he won't go for her unless he truly likes her personality)

So that he didn’t say anything that could be mistaken. By his own initiative Taiyou escaped towards his bathroom to sleep.

「Good morning, Taiyou-chan〜」

Suddenly in front of his eye Hera showed her appearance/presence. As Hera went through the bedroom wall into the bathroom, he recognised that once again she was a fantastical existence whom was a fairy.

「Ahh, Morning. What are the girls up to? 」

From the sound of things he could make a pretty good guess, however, even then he wanted to ask in order to confirm the situation.

「They are making you breakfast〜」

Whilst saying “I see” in acknowledgement Taiyou stood up, he then did stretched out his body and cracked his back to relieve the built up tension.

As if they heard the sound of him cracking his body, there was a knock on the bathroom door.

「Excuse me……are you……awake? 」

The voice sounded like a polite inquiry, and he began to think of which of the three sisters the voice belonged to.

Although the girls had distinctive facial features, when only their voice can be heard from the other side of the wall, he could not pinpoint in the slightest who the voice belonged to. He tried to think of the answer, but after a while, he decided to just leave this matter for now.

(I can’t let them find out the fact that I don’t know what they sound like)

Whilst thinking such things, he faced the wall and answered the question.

「Ahh, Is it alright if I come out? 」

「Yes! 」

「Please go right ahead! 」

「Rin-chan, Fuu-chan, if you don’t move backwards the door won’t open」

The voice seemed to belong to Kotone, soon shuffling noises could be heard on the other side of the door. He waited for the noises to quiet down, and then he cautiously opened the door and exited his bathroom.

What was there, was the three sisters lined up side by side, wearing an apron each.

「…….cute」

Taiyou couldn’t help but to speak without thinking. Hearing those words, the faces of the three sisters turned bright red.

「Is that really true? 」

「Umm, can you please say that again? 」

「We want you to say it to us individually, alright? 」

The three sisters shuffled even closer to him and lined up in a straight line in front of Taiyou. They lined up like they were little kids in elementary school.

The one at the most front of the line was Kazane, she had sparkling/glittering upturned eyes and was gazing at Taiyou.

Although he was still not used to physical contact with girls, even then, merely telling girls in front of him that they were cute was not a problem to him at all.

Taiyou looked straight into their eyes.

「You are cute, Kazane」

「Fuwaa…..」 (sound effect of her blushing/swooning)

「You are cute, Suzune」

「Haauu……..」

「You are cute, Kotone」

「Ahhh……」

When he repeated the same words individually to them one by one, the girls facial expression was overcome with emotion, and in that spot they slid down into the ground as if their legs lost strength.

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Chapter 7: Transparent Conversational Space

Chapter 6: The Youth with an Unbalanced Diet

Chapter 8: Thirty Students

Taiyou took a different path than the three sisters in order to go to school. Without thinking he instinctually ran away, as he was really, quite a shy/introverted person. Although all he did was look directly into their eyes as he called out their names, nevertheless, for Taiyou whom in the past has had minimal interactions with the opposite sex, it was too much for him to endure.

Furthermore, it was hard to return the girls feelings, when it happened so suddenly. Being liked was a pleasant thing, but, when they unconditionally turn their feelings of love towards him, somewhere in his heart he felt bad for the girls. The complexity of the matters combined with the fact that he was merely a young boy of 16 years, made it even more difficult.

And at the same time, the reason their affection increased, and the reason his mind was plagued by guilt was due to the status point….

Charm: 65535

Several days ago, the three Hayakawa twin sisters were merely his regular classmates, and the main drive and the timing as to why this kind of thing happened was way too coincidental, Taiyou thought that without a doubt it was because of that ability.

If he raised the value of the stat, to its highest level, through his own hard work, then as a person whom is crazy about levelling, he could confidently raise his chest and be proud of his achievements. However, this time it wasn't like that at all, because of a numerical bug called "overflow" the numbers went crazy……. in other words it was a result that was obtained through pure chance/accident/luck and was truly unfair/unjust. Because he did not feel he gained his ability through his own efforts, he could not willingly accept the advantages it provided.

Many years down the track, the person himself will look back at this event and think to himself, with a bitter smile:

"Why did I make such a fuss about such a small matter, if I think carefully I was so childish back then obsessing and being stubborn over things which have little meaning"

「…..Haaa」

Even so, for the Taiyou that was living in the current timeline it was an important matter. Enough for him to let out a frustrated sigh.

「Good morning Natsuno. Eh? You aren't playing a game? 」

「Oh it's you, Nakajima? Yeah, I have a lot going on…..」

As usual on his way to school, the overly buoyant Katsuki was walking side by side with him, and this made him let out another small sigh.

「What's wrong, somehow you don't seem to be well. Is it some sort of personal problem? 」

Nakajima wiggled his pinkie finger, and gave a mischievous/impish/roguish smile. "It was exactly because of that!" Taiyou almost wanted to blurt it out, but, the person known as Katsuki was someone who loved to gossip/tease/banter about love matters, he was a person known for such things and he didn't want the direction of the conversation to go that way. Knowing this fact Taiyou narrowly managed to suppress his outburst.

「No it's not what you are thinking, it's because my smart phone broke」

「By smart phone you mean the newest model phone that you just recently bought? 」

「Yeah」

「For reals? Let me see, let me see, did it have a crack on the screen that resembled a spider web? 」

「More than just a cracked screen, its closer to say it was grind to dust. Immediately after dropping it a car ran over it and crushed it to little pieces」

「Wow…….my condolences to you. Is that so, that's the reason you weren't playing games today huh」

「…….That's how it is」

Taiyou felt relieved. For someone like Katsuki who loved to gossip about love relationships, if the matter with the three twin sisters were exposed, it would become an immense/disastrous thing, as much as possible, he wanted to hide such secrets, Taiyou thought.

「Aside from that, seeing Natsuno without a game in hand, even I'm starting to feel weird」

「Is it to that extent? 」

「Yeah, it makes me unable to calm down. It's like the feeling of seeing a pigeon in front of the station that was afraid to approach the human beings」

「I kind of understand what you are saying but not really……」

Taiyou had a bittersweet smile.

「But you know, even if you don't have your smart phone, can't you still play some sort of game? In actual fact didn't you used to bring a cell phone and play games on that? 」

「It's because that old thing doesn't have the games that I want to play」

「I see」

Whilst Taiyou was glancing at the consenting Katsuki, he was flipping the 1 yen coin in

his hand from heads to tails.

Although he said those things, in truth he really didn’t smart phones or cell phones to play games. This is because at this moment in the real world he was levelling up, and the only thing he loved about games was the ability to level.

At least whilst he was still able to make progress in real life, he didn’t need to play games, nor did he feel a compulsion to play them either.

Another way to put it is, even though he isn’t walking with a game in hand, he feels as if he was playing one right now.

「Good morning Aoba-chan! Today you also look really cute having that ponytail on you!」

Finishing their superficial talk, Katsuki as per his usual actions, went to find his circle of friends, as he naturally separated from Taiyou and rushed towards his friends. When Taiyou’s gaze followed the direction Katsuki was going in, there was a really cute girl with a pony tail that was attached to the top of her head.

It wasn’t the casual/easy-going kind of pony tail that was arranged, the pony tail was tied in a cocoon like fashion her bangs also flowed down the nape of her neck elegantly, her few strands of hair that managed to escape the cocoon also added to her amorous look, it was as if she painstakingly arranged her hair in a perfect ponytail.

There are many other people in his class with pony tails, however, there was none that could compare to her beauty, most people had disappointing level of intricacy and most just negligently tied their hair in any old fashion.

「Hm?」

At first, it was just Taiyou one-sidedly admiring her pony tail, but, she incidentally/suddenly turned her eyes to face him. Although she was just talking about something with Katsuki, for some reason or other she was now intensely staring in his direction.

No, it was more like she was glaring right at him with her eyes!

(Did I, do something bad to her?)

Her glare seemed to be filled with a negative feeling that it was enough to make him reflexively think such things.

He tried to search his memory, but there was nothing he could remember that would cause him to be hated by her, this was the conclusion he came to.

Although she kept her glare at Taiyou for a conceivable period of time, before long her gaze returned to a normal one and she soon went back to chit chatting with Katsuki whilst going on her way to school.

「Then, I must be going, excuse me」

Time: Mid-Morning, Break time.

He was nominated by one of the teachers to be in cleaning duty for his previous period, and Taiyou barely managed to finish his task with little time to spare, and all he got was a

light “thank you” by one of the teaching staff before he went out of the faculty room.

「Hello」

When he was returning to his class room he encountered one of the three twin sisters. It was the tallest one Kotone.

「Kotone…….. You are by yourself? 」

As per usual he was awkwardly trying to suppress saying “-san” as he gulped down his words. Taiyou’s image of the girls were that they were a single unit that acted together, when he encountered just one of them in specific, to him it felt almost like he encountered a rare character within a game.

「Yes, I was trying to find you. We didn’t know where you went, so the three of us split up and searched」

「Oh, you guys separated? 」

「Yes, I will call Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan here alright? 」

「Ahh, ok」

Although he gave her his consent, she just stood in place, she continued to look at Taiyou whilst smiling at him and it seemed that she was happy about something.

「……..」

「…….」

「Umm…….Weren’t you going to call the other two? 」

He wasn’t really comfortable with pressing the matter but, even more than that he was a little weirded out by her behaviour that he asked without thinking.

「I already called them」

「Eh? Did you do something? 」

「Yes, I became delighted」

「…….Hm? 」

Taiyou tiled his head in confusion. He was trying to imagine/think of situations that he encountered before that would clarify the matter, but he couldn’t pin point any certain thing and he inadvertently tilted his neck in confusion.

「Like I said, I became really happy. Because I became really happy, Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan will be able to know that I found you」

「Don’t tell me, Is this Telepathy? 」

「It most likely is, Even we don’t really know how it works. However, we can kind of convey/transmit to each other what kind of feelings we are individually experiencing.」

「Hee–」 (a way Japanese people acknowledge something)

Taiyou spontaneously leaked out a voice of admiration. Although the person in question doesn’t really understand how her ability works, but if they are actually able to convey

each other's feelings from such a distance then most likely it was a type of telepathy.

The twin triplets that were deeply connected with each other's feelings, that kind of telepathy. For Taiyou this matter was extremely interesting…..In a good kind of way, it sparked his interest in them.

「May I, ask various questions regarding this matter? 」

「Yes, of course」

As he received Kotone's consent, Taiyou wanted to ask her various questions whilst walking, thus he started in the direction of his class room and began to converse with her along the way.

「Is the connection, merely based on feelings? Or can you use words….to converse with each other in your mind? 」

「We used to able to do such things when we were kids」

Kotone said that with an apologetic face.

「However now we can't do such things any longer, please forgive me」

「No it's not really anything you should apologize for. So now its only feelings that get transmitted? Can you clearly send the feelings across? 」

「Yes, if it's just that we can transmit it clearly. In actuality, it is closer to say that we share joint ownership of each other's feelings. We are unable to hide each other's feelings. When we get worked up or excited our feelings get transmitted with each other without permission」

「So it just leaks out? 」

「Yes, the feelings between us that is」

「That's amazing, this ability. As expected of you three twins. Ah, but if that's the case….」

Whilst walking Taiyou held his hand to his jaw, and puckered his eye brows in reflection/deliberation.

「If that's the case, what? 」

「Ahh, I'm not too sure but I believe in your case, your hearts are linked because there is no barrier. I think, because your hearts are always connected, It amplifies…… the effects of what you experience on your actual body more than you know it, just like how your minds can share emotions your body seems to also transmit its feelings. However back in the days you used to be able to have a conversation within your minds but now you lost touch with the ability, I think it may be caused by a side effect of you sisters growing apart? If that was the case, I believe it's a bit of a shame.」

「It's a shame/waste? 」

Kotone opened her eyes widely and stared at Taiyou with an astonished expression.

「Yeah, Sorry I spoke out of turn, please forget what I said just now」

Taiyou waves his hands in panic, and he had an apologetic face.

For the sisters who had the power of telepathy. He thought that this was an immensely adventurous/exciting conversational topic. But this is probably only what he thought, it could be that the person in question themselves did not find this topic to be interesting in the slightest.

For twins or triplets in general this was most likely a touchy/sensitive topic to talk about, but instead Taiyou was pestering her and asking her all these sensitive questions.

Suddenly, Kotone spoke aloud and stood still/stopped moving. She had a surprised look on her face and when Taiyou followed her gaze, at the end of the corridor a lone young woman stood in place, and was staring directly at them.

「You are?……. This morning's…..」

It was a figure he remembered seeing before, the person who was talking to Katsuki, the figure of a girl with the perfectly styled pony tail. Just like the time when he encountered her in the morning she was still glaring right at Taiyou.

「Ummm, you are?—

「Natsuno Taiyou, you, which of the three Hayakawa-san's do you like the most?」

Before he could even complete his words, Taiyou was interrupted by the girl, she then proceeded to make this shocking declaration!

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「Miyagi-san」

「Miyagi-san? 」

Miyagi didn’t respond to her name being called via words, instead all she did was turn to the person whom spoke to her which was Kotone and looked at her with absentminded eyes.

「Yes, Miyagi Aoba-san, was one of my classmates back in the day」 (Kotone speaking)

「Is that so? umm……Miyagi-san?」(Taiyou speaking)

Taiyou called out towards Miyagi in an inquisitive voice. Thereupon her wrath filled gaze, was raised by one level in intensity.

What was she so angry about I wonder?, Taiyou thought that, he shouldn’t have done even a single thing to offend her in the slightest, however, in the next instant he recalled the words spoken by Aoba and he formulated some sort of understanding “ahh so that’s what this is about”.

——-Out of the three Hayakawa-san’s, which do you like the most?

Yesterday, the three sisters were talking quite intimately with him in the classroom.

From the get go, they were asking Taiyou questions about the games he was playing, and the crowd could somehow accept the fact that they were asking advice from Taiyou considering his special knowledge in the matter, however, the fact that the three sisters were all vying for his attentions was something everyone felt was weird/unusual/ridiculous.

Simply put, the three sisters were practically swooning all over him. The fact that the three sisters merely used the game as a pretext for approaching Taiyou….. Was so blatantly apparent that even a natural airhead would be able to figure that out.

The fact that the three sisters, no longer saw Taiyou as just a regular classmate became so wide spread that the entire school heard the rumours before school even finished.

Three famous sisters, the identical triplets.

Within the school, the sisters were existences accepted as some sort of a celebrity personality. Consequently, the rumour spread like wildfire.

“The three were making some moves on a single man.”

In order to extract the truth from those words, a certain person game to interrogate him.

(Even so, her hostility is so fierce I can almost feel it on my skin……Oh well, let's leave it at that)

「I'll ask you once again, you, which of the three sisters do you like the most? 」

Aoba repeated her words a second time, without hiding any of the indignation she felt towards Taiyou.

「Rather than who I like the most, it's more like…….」

「You won't say you like them all equally right? 」

「If I may be bold/daring that is what I meant to say……」

This was his true opinions.

For now he hadn't know the girls long enough to find a distinctive component which could clearly differentiate which girl he liked the most. The three girls had the same face, and the amount of time he spent with each individual is about the same. If a favourability/likability factor was converted into numericals, Taiyou predicted that they would all be the same number.

That's why he answered in that manner, however, it would seem it did not meet up to Aoba's standards.

「You're the worst! 」

「Eh? 」

「You are that kind of guy aren't you? You are just fooling around with their feelings and trying to have an affair with them!!」

「No, I haven't done anything to them…..」

「Hayakawa-san! 」

「Eh? Yes? 」

「Are you ok with that? As you just heard, this is the kind of man he is」

Hearing Aoba's question, Kotone looks unblinkingly at Taiyou.

「Are we really, all liked equally? 」

「Yeah, that's how it is」

「Thank you, this is why we like you」

「ehhhhhh? 」

Aoba raised her voice in a bewildered shriek.

「Are you insane? That guy, he's clearly just playing around with the three of you? 」

「No, in my case, I'm not just playing around」

「What did you just say? 」

Aoba gave Taiyou a stern look. However, Taiyou was indifferent towards Aoba's reaction, and he looked towards Kotone and began to talk to her.

「From the previous talk we just had, I'd like to clarify, due to your circumstances, is there even such a thing like "differential treatment"? 」

「What do you mean? 」

「What I mean is, do you guys think of yourselves as one entity? Or three separated individualistic entities? 」

「Ummmm…..」

Kotone tilted her neck and was trying to think.

Apparently, this question was never considered by her before, and this is the main reason that it would be impossible to give and answer and choose a single one of them especially at this early point in time.

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Whilst in the middle of class, Taiyou was turning over his 1 yen coin above his opened text book. When he was using his smart phone to level his characters in the game, it was not possible to play his games during class and it made him slightly unsatisfied.

But now he didn't need to worry, and he was happy with the fact that he could continue accumulate experience points. This is because all he was really doing was just flipping the coin from heads to tails over and over, it wasn't anything overly fancy and even the teachers can't really make out a complaint.

Even other students would do similar type of actions, it was like the steady action of spinning pens in class.

Whilst doing this action, Taiyou was looking around inside his classroom.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

The three of them were lacking in uniformity and each of them were absentmindedly staring into space It was the kind of situation where, they had their textbook's out and notes open, but even so the sharp pen's in their hands stopped moving and they weren't listening to the lecture. It was clear that they were thinking deeply about something.

(Were they thinking about what I said to Kotone earlier?)

Taiyou was feeling a slight sense of responsibility as the one who asked the question.

He didn't know whether the statement he made towards the girls, was good or bad, but that was for the girls to decide, and Taiyou didn't have any power in the matter. However, without a doubt it was his brief comment that made the girls become troubled.

Making them feel troubled/worried, he felt a sense of responsibility towards them.

When he was just in the process of thinking, "what should I do about this?"…….. Hera appeared out of thin air. It was as if she instantly teleported in front of him, in front of a spatial area that had nothing, she suddenly blinked into existence. (Goku style teleportation)

She was floating delicately, but she just fluttered there silently whilst looking at Taiyou.

Level Up!

Those words surfaced into his mind.

「Teacher! I have a sore stomach please let me go to the toilet」

After having said that, without even caring about his classmates attention. Taiyou dashed out of the classroom. Hera was keeping true to her promise, and only after they entered an unpopulated corridor did she begin to open her mouth.

「Te re re te te te—♪ Taiyou-chan levelled up! ~」

「So it finally happened! I'm level 4 aren't I」

「Yeah—. You became stronger again Taiyou-chan~」

「Wait a moment, let's move to a more secure place so that we can confirm」

He ran through the corridor, went to the stairs located in the interior part of the building and began to climb rapidly into the rooftop, this was a place where nobody seemed to visit.

Under the clear blue skies, he turned towards Hera who was following right behind him.

「Alright, show me my status」

「Roger that~, nanodesu」

In response Hera began her whirling dance in mid-air. Taiyou lay his back straight on the rooftop ground and closed his eyes, as the torrent of numerical values went straight into his brain.

He immediately concentrated on the numerical value he was most anxious about and tried to make it appear.

「Popularity is 0, Charm is 65535 so I see it hasn't changed」

「Yes〜」

「Well, then that's good I suppose」

Taiyou said this in a disappointed manner.

Well for him this was naturally the case, the figures started with 1 and 0, but when it reduced from 0 , the Charm value was instead overflowed and increased to an unimaginable league. He was anticipating/expecting that when he levelled, his values could decrease further or even that the bug may go the other way and his values would reset back to 0.

「I would like to confirm, these two values, none of them has changed right? 」

「Yeah〜, both these values were unaffected〜」

「I understand」

He nodded at Hera's response and he put these matters at the back of his mind for now, he then proceeded to check the other numeric values.

Although he levelled up the other values barely moved at all, it was to a pathetic degree that each value only increased by a maximum of 1.

Although there was one particular status value that showed high prominence.

The strength/power value, was raised from a value of 6 to a value of 30!

「So that's how it is」

After he finished checking his values, Taiyou slowly opens his eye lids.

「As I predicted, I'm some sort of power specialised character, the way in which my stats increase seems to confirm this. Yeah」

Taiyou inclines his head.

「Is there something bad about it? 」

「It's not really something bad per say, but it's more like, how do I explain it…. In an offline game a character who specialises in strength will be effective immediately and be battle ready as a valuable war potential. however in comparison to that, Whilst strength is important in an online game, rather than having an all rounded character it is much more stronger to focus your abilities in one category」

「Is that so? 〜」

「When the environment changes….. The hypothesis is that the type of specialisation that is advantageous will also change. And I was pondering which of the stats are good to focus on in real life.」

「I believe in Taiyou-chan, so no matter what stat you focus on I think you will become strong〜. You will immediately become battle-ready, and continue to become stronger until the end〜」

「If that was true, it would be nice」

Hera was trying to encourage/cheer on Taiyou with such innocence that Taiyou could only put on a wry smile, if it was really true, it would be great he thought.

「Well, even though my strength has increased, I don't actually feel any difference in my body. To begin with, a value of 30 how much stronger is that in human terms? 」

「I'm sorry, I am not knowledgeable in that matter〜」

Hera looked pitiful when she realised she couldn't help. Seeing this Taiyou tried to cheer her up.

「That's alright, Even though there aren't any apparent results yet, being able to increase my level like this is really fun, so don't worry too much」

「Yes〜…..」

「More importantly what is the next task I need to accomplish in order to level? 」

「Yes! Umm it is〜…….」

Hera was folding her arms and thinking. Taiyou thought she was feeling down, but in the next second, she was already recovered. Seeing her like this, it reminded Taiyou of playing with a cute small animal, it gave him a pleasant feeling.

Whilst having a small smile that slightly raised the corners of his mouth, he stood up and

went to turn the door lever, however——

BAKI! (Sound effect)

A loud sound was heard, and Taiyou fell backwards.

He did not comprehend what just occurred, Taiyou fell onto his bottom and it took a while for him to digest what really transpired, but, it turns out that inside his hands was, precisely, the door lever that broke off!

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Chapter 10: Twelve Islands

At the Park in the Evening: Taiyou was sitting on a wooden bench. Hera’s face suddenly popped out, from inside the vinyl convenience store bag that was beside him. (Note: wild Pikachu detected!)

「Pass me the next apple」

Gushiyaa! (Sound effect of apple being crushed)

「Steel canned coffee」 (It is steel this is not a typo, he’s just that strong :P)

Meri, Baki Baki! (*rip rip*, *snap, crush*)

「Champion Magazine」

BiriBiriBiri! (*rip, rip, rip*)

Hera passes to him the items inside his convenience store bag one by one, at times he would crush the contents and at other times he would rip it into pieces.

Fruits are squished, metallic cans are crushed, and although it was a minor amount of experience points, he even started ripping out the bestselling manga magazines without a shred of mercy.

He looked upon the mountainous of remains from his excessive destruction and Taiyou became very astonished.

「What a terrifying amount of power….」

「Yes〜, as expected of my Taiyou-chan〜」

「Don’t tell me, is this……」

「Yes, of course〜, it’s because Taiyou-chan’s strength/power has increased〜」

「As I thought…….So this is what 30 strength feels like」

Taiyou opened both his hands, and whilst gazing at his palms, he opened and closed them. The appearance of his hands did not change in the slightest but, hidden inside was a crazy amount of power that was exceeding anything a mere high school student could exert.

「I really didn’t believe that by leveling I could grow stronger in real life」

「Muka! 」 (note: Pout)

Hera jumped out of the plastic bag and was huffy/angry.

「Taiyou-chan, you didn’t believe in my words? 」

「Well, I was half convinced & half dubious. I mean…..All that I have been doing up till now was stacking up some Jenga blocks and making them fall, digging up holes and burying them, and turning over my 1 yen coin from heads to tails……..Those kinds of ridiculous things you know? Normally people wouldn't think that they would get an increase in abilities just from doing those mediocre tasks right? 」

「Even so, Taiyou-chan is a meanie〜. You need to believe in me more〜, that way I can help you more often, kay〜」

「Where did a goddess like you come from…….Even if I don't want to, It has gone to the point where I can't not believe in you」(basically he's saying he believes in her… the double negatives strikes again)

Taiyou stood up from the bench, and he approached a tree that was planted within the park. It was a tree big enough for a fully grown man to wrap his arms around it.

Taiyou was thinking of applying a small amount of power to the trunk of the tree with his hand. When he did this, the tips of his fingers sunk into the tree and made an indentation/holes that was distinctly apparent on the tree.

He wanted to try out something he once saw in a manga. He looked at the hand print he saw on the tree, and suddenly Taiyou became very excited/thrilled.

He loved raising levels in games, that's why when Hera appeared in front of him he was able to obtain the feeling of being able to play games in real life. However, if levelling up in real life literally/actually increase his real life abilities then it was a whole new ballpark that he had to consider.

Level 4, Strength was at 30. And with this amount of strength, I was able to activate the amount of power I displayed just moments ago.

Just thinking about this fact made him exhilarated and he wanted to get up and do something.

If it was like this, he wanted to without delay and as fast as possible increase his level…….. With these kind of thoughts, he turned his face towards Hera and wanted to ask her of the methods required in order to increase to the next level, however at that moment.

「Taiyou-san」

There was someone calling out his name. When he changed his point of view to the direction the voice came from, only one of the three twin sisters stood there, she was the shortest of the bunch (Kazane) and she was standing in the entrance of the park.

Maybe it was because of the moonlight or perhaps it was some other kind of thing. But, her cheeks were blushing as she approached Taiyou whilst looking into his eyes.

「Oh it's you? 」

「Won't you call me by my name? 」

「…….Kazane」

When her name was called out just like she wished it to be, her face reddened even further.

「Why have you come here? 」

「That was exactly my question to you. Before homeroom class even finished you dashed out of the class room, were you ok? I was so worried and I tried searching everywhere for you」

「Yeah, I had some small matters to attend to you see」

「By small matters…..you mean that? 」

Kazane moved her face as if she was trying to peek and see what was behind Taiyou, She was looking at the wooden bench which he was sitting on just moments ago. Below the bench the things Taiyou crushed and ripped were littered all over the floor and rolling down like a bunch of wreckage. It was the kind of thing that if you didn't know the internal state of affairs, any normal person would be greatly bewildered and or perplexed when seeing such a spectacle.

Of course, Kazane was not an exception.

「Were you releasing your frustrations and trying to reduce stress? 」

「Hm? ahh I guess it's something like that」

Taiyou nods his head in assent. Kazane couldn't see Hera and she also didn't know Taiyou was capable of levelling up, furthermore he thought that it was better for her to remain oblivious to such facts.

「Is that really so?…..Hey, Taiyou-san」

「Eh? 」

「If you have some pent up frustrations to release…… I'm, okay with it」

「……..What are you okay/fine with? 」

「I will be able to……..endure it」

「no, no, no, no, you don't have to do anything, it's not that kind of pent up frustrations/desires」

「If it's not about that, then, thenn……」

「Hmm? 」

「A Mans——」

「No it's not that kind of thing either, I'm telling you! I'm just a normal guy that is only interested girls」

A vehement and disastrous misunderstanding was about to occur, so he reflexively used a large voice and desperately tried to explain/justify his point of view.

「Is that so? I'm relieved….」

「As long as you understand than it's good, I'm so relieved that you didn't misunderstand my intentions… you know? 」

Surely he wasn't going to really be thought as a homo right? Taiyou thinking about this matter had an astonished look.

「But I’m really glad…… If you really said that you liked other men…….I, wouldn’t know what I should do」

「Kazane…….」

Kazane was truly feeling down, and when he saw that part of her, Taiyou’s heart skipped a beat.

Although she looked like a little red riding hood from primary school, but the maturity of her personality/mind was that of a respectable 1st year high school classmate. To sum it up she was a person who held favour towards Taiyou, and was one of the girls that professed her love towards him.

Looking at her graceful figure he was irresistibly drawn to it and, Taiyou spread his arms and embraced it around her petite body.

「Hau…….」

Kazane who was tightly wrapped around Taiyou, let out loose leaks of hot/passionate breaths from her mouth, into Taiyou’s chest and it tickled his heart.

「Taiyou-san……I like you. I really like you」

「Oh-Uwa! 」

As he was about to say “Me too” Taiyou suddenly let out a surprised yell which totally ruined the mood.

「Eh? 」

Kazane looked up from within his arms and raised a dubious/confused voice. Taiyou tried to smooth it over and quickly told her that nothing was wrong in a panic.

The reason he suddenly raised his voice was not because of Kazane, but because Hera suddenly appeared before him.

She was keeping her promise of staying silent so Hera just floated in the air right in front of Taiyou, whilst looking at the two of them, Hera’s eyes were sparkling with stars, like a fan that was passionately watching a concert that was the kind of gaze she had.

It was the kind of look filled with expectation and an inquisitive mind.

——What is she doing? Hey, right now what is she doing?!

Feeling her intense gaze, Taiyou gave off the feeling of someone who stretched out their ears and misheard something.

What she was doing……Even Taiyou could not discern such matters.

Just a couple of days ago he was feeling frustrated and regretful that he could not experience this side of life. However he did not expect in the slightest that he would actually be able to experience such a thing, and worse yet, he didn’t have a single idea or know what to do from here now that he actually reached such a stage.

And just when he was getting hesitant at what to do next, Hera went into the skies and flew next to the bench where the vinyl bag was and picked it up, then she pointed at

Kazane’s clothes and began to replicate her behaviour on the bag as she ripped/teared it up.

「That’s clearly rape! 」

He reflexively made a retort to the actions Hera was trying to endorse him to do and he gave Hera a slap. With a strength of 30, Hera who was hit by Taiyou was like a baseball and flew into far into the skies as if he hit a home run.

「Taiyou-san? 」

「Eh? ahh don’t worry its nothing」

Taiyou was trying to reassure/fool Kazane into thinking that nothing was happening. After a while of just being in the moment and staying silent, Kazane falteringly started to open her mouth to speak.

「The thing is….I, the truth is」

「Hmm? 」

「I like to be treated in a rough manner」

「I didn’t just hear that did I?!」

「And also, Kotone and Suzune are also the same as me……because we are, identical triplets」

「Even if that may be so, I will pretend I didn’t hear this?!」

「That’s why, its fine…….」

「That isn’t fine, I don’t have that kind of hobbies」

「You don’t? 」

「I don’t, I like to firmly hold and be gentle with the girls I like」

「Be gentle? 」

「Yeah! 」

「Firmly hold? 」

「That’s right! 」

「……. Just like what we are doing right now? 」

「uuuu……..」

When asked such a question, Taiyou began to feel shy/bashful and he couldn’t answer her.

“I like you, I really like you”. Receiving such a pure and straight feelings of favourability from the three sisters, Taiyou at one stage or other also began to like the three sisters.

Although he did indeed like them, getting the words “I like you” out of his mouth was really embarrassing/awkward that he could not get it out of his mouth. Therefore, instead of talking, he embraced her small body firmly and closely. As of this point in time, that was the utmost Taiyou could do.

Holding each other and looking into each other’s eyes. The air around them became ticklish/lovey dovey. Before long their faces seem to congregate and get closer with each other—-.

「Kotone-chan? Suzune-chan!?」

Suddenly, the sweet atmosphere popped like a balloon.

Somehow or other, after calling out the names of her two sisters, Kazane’s face became pale as a ghost.

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The sweet atmosphere which existed between the two several seconds ago, was blown away without a single trace or vestige.

「Kazane? 」

A puzzled Taiyou.

The petite girl known as Kazane whom was still being wrapped around his arms had a surprised look on her face, and he could see, it was like she was frightened by something.

「What’s wrong, did something happen? 」

「Koto-chan and Suzu-chan are feeling scared」

「They are scared? How come—-」

Kazane interrupted what Taiyou’s was about to speak with a look that said, “You understand don’t you?”

The memory of the event in in which he asked Kotone various questions, resurfaced within his mind. Amongst the three girls, the thing known as telepathy exists between them, and even if they were apart they were able to clearly sense and convey each other’s emotions/feelings.

When he was asking them about their psychic connection, he didn’t really fully believe in it, but now that he was seeing in action, he completely believes in their telepathy.

This is because, the blue pale face Kazane had on her face, told the whole story. If she was acting this out, she would receive an Academy Award.

「Where are they? 」

「Eh? 」

「Where are they located? Are you able to discern such info? 」

「Ye, yeah…….Only the direction they are in though」

Although she was a little puzzled by Taiyou’s question, she began to look at the general direction her sisters were in. without asking another question and looking slightly worried/concerned, she was trying to show him the direction her two elder sisters were located in.

「Alright, let’s go」

「Ye, Yeah! 」

The two people headed off. They went out of the park, and they stuck to the residential area whilst running.

Kazane appeared to be running at her full speed however, it would seem that she was about to be left in the dust by Taiyou's speed at any moment now.

Although there was obviously some differences between a man and woman's constitution, in this case there was just too big of a gap between them. She was only 130 centimetres, standing at the height of a primary school kid and the distance every step she took could not be compared to Taiyou's long strides.

Taiyou halts his running, and for the time being he let her catch up to him—-.

「Taiyou—-Hyaa! 」

When she reached close to him, he suddenly grabbed her hands and picked her off her bottom and held on to her in his arms.

It was the so-called (AKA) princess-carry, he was embracing her in this posture as he continued to sprint.

「Ta ta ta Taiyou-san? 」

「If we do it this way it will be much faster, Please bear with it」

「O, Ok」

「Which way! 」

「Ta, Take the right…….Then a left」

「I understand! 」

With Kazane's navigation I was able to dash and weave through the dark residential area.

Whilst he was doing this he started to think that the situation was getting worse and worse by the minute. If you ask why, it is because Kazane whom is in his arms, her face became more and more pale and her body started to tremble/shiver repeatedly.

The triplet sisters convey their pure feelings mutually between each other with telepathy. When he saw Kazane shivering in fear to this extent, he thought that the two sisters must be in deep trouble.

Influenced by her condition, Taiyou was feeling really anxious.

「Do you know what's happening to them? 」

「I don't know, back when we were kids, we could have done it though」

「In that case, is there something that comes to mind? Anything that may help? 」

「That is… Perhaps it's……」

Even now Kazane had a face which seemed to be able to cry at any moment.

「I think it's…….my father」

That's what she just said.

「Your father? 」

Taiyou had troubled eyebrows. (Note: he puckers his eye brows) Why would they be so afraid of their own father? Is what he was thinking right now.

Don’t tell me it’s DV? For one second this thought came into his mind. (Note: DV is = domestic violence)

「Over there, a right」

「There they are! 」

As she said it, when we took a right turn, we could see the figures of the two girls.

Kotone and Suzune, Both of these girls, similar to how Kazane was, were so pale that he could see it from a long distance away.

And then he also found the main reason as to why Kazane and the girls were feeling so scared.

What he saw was, a middle aged man and a woman wearing a suit saying something to the two sisters, whilst slowly cornering them into the wall.

「Kotone! Suzune! 」

「 「Taiyou-san!!」 」

Their voice was harmonious. (They spoke at same time) The moment they saw Taiyou, it was like the two of them saw their saviour, and their facial expressions were filled with relief.

Just like that Taiyou quickly rushed over to them, and he moved in between the man and woman trying to bother the two sisters.

「Sorry I’m late, are you girls alright? 」

He was trying to defend the two sisters, almost as if he was trying to use his wide back to cover them up from the other party.

「Yeah, we are fine」

「In that case, that’s good」

For the time being, he made it in time and he felt relieved. Thereupon, he switched his focus back on the man and woman.

Looking at the man, he seemed to be around his mid-forties. He had a relaxed face, an unshaven beard and crumpled up clothing, it was the kind of getup that implied he was not a prim and proper adult.

On the other hand the woman seemed to give the complete opposite atmosphere/ambience/aura. She was wrapped around by a tight skirt suit, breasts that were about to explode/spill out of her top. Contrasted with a slim figure that was thin as a sharp blade and has been properly honed and exercised, that was the kind of atmosphere she gave.

The middle aged man seemed harmless to him, but Taiyou wanted to keep vigilant and not let his guard down around the woman.

To him that was being vigilant, Kotone called out from the back.

「Excuse me, Taiyou-san」

「What is it? 」

「It may not be appropriate at this time, but i have a favour to ask of you……」

She was hesitantly speaking. What could it be? Taiyou puckered up his eyebrows.

When he did, instead of Kotone speaking, it was Suzune which suddenly blurted it out.

「Please hold us in a princess style carry as well! 」

「Do you guys know something called TPO!?」 (Note: TPO is a Japanese acronym which stands for Time, Place and Occasion. It is sometimes used to draw attention to an experience that was inappropriate or worthy of note.)

Without thinking Taiyou's voice broke into a falsetto as he blurted out his response.

「Now is not the time for those kinds of things, more importantly just moments ago you guys were shaking in fear, what was happening?」

「That's because, it's not fair that only Kaza-chan was able to get all the attention〜」

「That's right, we also want to be held in a princess carry」

「Koto-chan, Suzu-chan……..It feels really good」

Kazane said this whilst her face began to slightly blush.

「What do you guys mean? 」

「uuuu, We– A-r-e Jeal-ous–」 (note: We are jealous is what they are saying)

「It's time to put Kaza-chan down, and take turns with us」

「No, I don't want to switch places〜 it's my long awaited chance to get held by Taiyou-san. If you guys are jealous, isn't it fine if both Koto-chan and Suzu-chan just got carried as well? 」 (note: Kazane is using the words もらったんだもん, as she ends her sentence, which is almost like a pouting action)

「That's also true」

「Yeah, Lets go with that」

「No wait, guys isn't that physically impossible to do?!」

The two sisters surrounded Taiyou, and as if they thought it was a good idea, the two girls Kotone and Suzune extended their hands and held unto Taiyou's neck and stuck to him in that posture.

Whilst holding Kazane with both his hands, although it was barely, he was able to support the three sisters holding on to him. Although he was surprised by that fact, he soon realised that it was all thanks to him possessing 30 strength.

The ridiculous scene of the three girls hanging from his body, if the situation allowed for it, he would of let out one or two sighs.

「You're quite amazing aren't you, I didn't know such a man existed whom was able to

simultaneously embrace three girls in the hold of his arms at the same time, what an outstanding male specimen you are」

The woman who was just silently watching until now, had opened her mouth to address Taiyou, she used a tone of voice that seemed to hold both admiration and scorn at the same time and he could not tell if she was just being sarcastic or not as her expression was unreadable.

「Do you really see this as me holding all three girls at once? No matter what angle you see this from, isn't it more like they are just hanging/dangling from me? 」

「You are supporting all three of their weights, that fact is undisputable」

「Rather than supporting their weight……it's more like I've become a Konaki Jijii」 (Note: Konaki Jijii is a ghost in Japanese folklore it has the shape of a small old man with the voice of a baby's cry/shriek)

After releasing a sigh, as if trying to banter/argue with the woman he challenged the woman's reasoning.

「More importantly, who are you guys? 」

「You took the words right of my mouth 」

The middle aged man interrupted the woman and began to talk. Although they were standing three metres apart, he could smell the foul breath coming from the man and it was extremely unpleasant.

「You brat, what is your relationship with my daughters, hmmm??」

「Daughter? Don't tell me, you are their father? 」

「Thaz right, so, who are you, you brat? 」

「……I'm the classmate Natsuno Taiyou」

In the mean time I gave my greetings to the father of the Hayakawa sisters…….. and turned my gaze at the woman.

Who are you? That was the kind of gaze Taiyou gave to the woman.

「I am known as Juunishima Sakura, I am Pleased to make your acquaintance」 (she says this with very formal language)

「Juunishima?] (Twelve Islands?) (note: today's title has island repeated twelve times, I'm guessing the author is referring to her, But I didn't want to spam you guys with me typing island 12 times so I will leave it like that) (**Illustration: Sakura Measuring Taiyou's Worth**)

Taiyou has never heard such a unique name as Junishima and thus he was a little bewildered.

「It's a local name, It's a family name that only people who lived in my native island would have」

「In other words, the dwelling of the island people, it has that kind of meaning? 」 (Note: Juu = じゅう = 住 = dwelling, in this context, it is not the number that's being referred to.)

「Yes, although in my case, I believe the Kanji I used for my surname does not represent the Kanji for this character」 (she's basically saying she's not using the kanji for the number 12 十二 and instead she's using 双六島)

Well what do you think of my name? That's the kind of face Sakura had.

「Well after all if it is used in that manner of speaking, you can't really just attach numbers to your name」

「Yes, but it would seem that I don't have the general common sense that Japanese people have. I must admit it's because I was raised/brought up in such a unique culture」

「And, you were not taught common sense? 」

「Only the necessary ones」

「What you mean by Twelve Islands, could it be arranged like 『島島島島島島島島島島じゅうにしま』 is that how you wish to be called? 」

「That's a brilliant/wonderful way to pronounce it, let's assume that I changed it to that and I would like to be referred to as such from now on」

「……Well, Whatever you wish」

She completely lacks any logic, that's what Taiyou thought.

「Oi, by the way」

Hayakawa's father cut in the conversation and had an expression of displeasure on his face.

When I turned my line of vision to him, I felt as if I was staring at some sort of hoodlum/yakuza, and he was glaring at me with a scowl on his face.

「What is it? 」

「You brat, How long are you goin ta keep standing there and keep my daughters dangling like that?」

「…..Ah」

When it was pointed out, Taiyou finally recalled that he was talking to the two people, whilst he had the three sisters dangling on his body.

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Taiyou released a sigh, and the previous tension he had seemed to melt away.

「Guys, for the time being won't you get off me?」

「Ehhh」

「Just a little bit more」

「It's not something that happens often」

Kazane was the only one that was unique, as she was the only one actually being held by him in a princess carry style.

Although their actions were cute, Taiyou couldn't really see what was so special about hanging on his body, and he gradually let out an increasing number of sighs.

「Guys, it will be fine……..It's just for the time being, alright?」

When Taiyou spoke more resolutely, the girls became obedient and they slowly seperated from him. They moved behind the scenes and was hiding behind Taiyou in silence.

That's because they realised that since they got together, they have been playing around too much. However, even though they were playing around when Taiyou arrived, it was also true that they were slightly shaking.

The season was still early in the summer, and it was definitely not because of the cold that their bodies were shaking, anyone could tell you that.

When Taiyou came rushing over to the girls, he could tell that from their facial expressions that they were really frightened from the depths of their heart and it was not just about playing a prank on him. Because of this fact, Since Taiyou arrived he has been unable to feel relieved.

Taiyou remembered how frustrated he felt he was before he arrived.

And he hated the fact that he could not come here sooner to help the girls.

And with that, he shifted his anger.

He turned towards the two people that made the three sisters shake in fear.

「What's with that look on your face, you brat who are you really?」

The father of the girls had an unpleasant facial expression and challenged/questioned Taiyou.

「I'm the classmate Natsuno Taiyou. I believe I introduced myself just moments ago?」

「That's not what I'm asking you, what is your relationship with my daughters, that's what I'm asking you」

「What kind of relation……..」

For now he stopped his words mid way, and made a glance over his shoulder looking back at the three sisters.

When his eyes met with the three sisters, their cheeks blushed red. A picture that was worth more than a thousand words was painted, just from the reactions the girl, and without the need for anymore words, their relationship with him became obvious.

When seeing such a reaction from his girl's, the father instantly boiled in anger.

「You scum!」

「Hayakawa-san, Please settle down for a moment」

「Huhhh? You're telling me to calm down after seeing this?!」

「Yes, please behave yourself」

Sakura repeated such words in a flat tone of voice.

Feeling the pressure coming out from Sakura, Taiyou's back was slightly trembling, Even more so to the person whom received the direct scolding, the father let out a meek voice "uuu" and he backed off silently.

After seeing this, Sakura smiled and turned towards Taiyou.

「Please let me ask you a single question. Natsuno-san by coming here are you planning on become a hindrance to us?」

「That will, depend on what your objectives are?」

Taiyou responded and probed her for an explanation.

Whilst watching Taiyou in silence, without a single change in her expression she began to talk again.

「You want to know our objectives? As a premise to the explanation, is Natsuno-san aware of the group of people named "Eternally Little"?

「Eternal Light? are you talking about some sort of fantasy game?」

「No, they are people which exist in the real world」

Although she said they existed in the real world, Taiyou could only tilt his neck as he could not remember ever having heard of such a group before.

Suddenly, he could feel that the people behind him were nervous. It was the reaction from the three sisters. It seemed that the girls knew of such a group existing and reacted to the words "Eternally Little".

Sakura also realised the girl's reaction but she only let out an indifferent smile as she proceeded on with her talk.

「In regards to the limits of the female gender, there are females in this world that grow normally up to the age of ten, but then, after they go past the age of ten, their bodies wont

grow past adulthood and they will remain eternally young without being able to age, I am talking about these group of people」

「Their growth, and even their ageing stops…….?」

「Yes, Both of those things stop. That process will continue until they die. And when this kind of things happen, you understand the consequences right?」

「…… Will they become a Loli-Baba? 」

Taiyou used the vocabulary he understood to process the information.

「Yes, That is another way of saying it. The more generalised name they are known by is "beautiful witches". However that name is only for the general public who think that these girls just dress in order to look young without knowing the real reason behind it…..As I have just explained to you, the girls whom stop growing after the age of ten and stay eternally young……These girls are what is known as the "Eternally Little".

「So such people actually exist?」

「Yes. another unconventional name they are known by is the "Old Maidens" however because it is rarely mentioned, it is possible to just forget about this term」

「So what's the deal with these so called "Eternally Little" people anyways?」

「These girls at one stage used to lived in an uninhabited area……This is because they would be persecuted as witches, their outward appearance was perpetually at the age of ten, and it wasn't strange that they were forced to live in secluded areas」

「…….Well, if it was an age where the superstition was regarded highly, that would be the case I suppose 」

「Yes, That is exactly right. In this modern age, medical science has proceeded enough to able to clarify the cause of the girls being unable to age, and they hypothesized that it was due to a genetic mutation」

「In other words, its a disease?」

「Its a disease that makes you unable to age」

She stopped talking momentarily and grinned so that only one side of her mouth was raised.

「And, this is the important part. Being unable to age……In other words, being able to be perpetually young and beautiful has become an extremely desirable thing for women all around the globe」

「Well that is probably true」

「In the olden days people would fear the strange appearance of the girls, however now that the cause of it has been identified with modern science, people are instead trying to unlock the answer to achieving perpetual youth, a research team has been created just for this purpose. Furthermore——」

Sakura shifted her gaze to the girls who were standing behind Taiyou.

「The girls behind you, are perhaps the key to making a huge breakthrough in this branch

of research」

「What do you mean?」

「You don't understand? Even though they are identical triplets that came from the same chromosome……And although they possess the same genes——」

「——For some unknown reason, their height is considerably different from each other」

Taiyou finishes Sakura's sentence. He finally understood, what Sakura was trying to convey to him.

Sakura looks at Taiyou like he was a student whom was able to answer correctly when asked a question.

「That's how it is」

「In other words, you want to use their bodies as a science experiment」

「What a bad way to put it, It's more like we are trying to help achieve the dreams of the general public and are collaborating for that purpose」

「No matter how you try to gloss things over, the meaning stays the same」

「That's such a negative attitude」

「Of course」

「Taiyou-san…..」

He could hear one of the girls speaking from behind. He didn't know who it was that spoke, but the feelings they tried to convey got through to him.

「Did you think that I would let things stand…….If your intentions were to play around with the girl's bodies and use them for your own gains?」

「Don't you understand the situation? These girl's have the unlimited potential of the human race within them. although it may not be as much as eternal life…… however it is still incredibly useful for those women who wish to keep their youthful looks」

「That's a shame but, Since I am a guy I don't have those kinds of thoughts, and neither am I interested in such things」

「Then let me rephrase it. Allowed me to clarify the mechanics of how this can be applied, for a women, they will be able to retain their youth and beauty for a very long time. And for the men, being able to see their lovers perpetually young is an advantage in itself and cannot really be disregarded as irrelevant」(**Illustration: Eternally Young Girls**)

「I understand, It is an amazing thing」

「Isn't it?」

the girls behind him all held their breath.

「However, no matter how good it sounds, the methods used to obtain such a result still requires you to experiment on them, is this correct?」

「……Yes, that is true」

“And so what if we have to experiment on them” that’s the kind of facial expression Sakura had.

「For me, more so than the conversation we just had, I have a problem that is right in front of my eyes right now」

「And, what problem could it be?」

「Trying to kidnap women and take them away against their will, and as a man watching this, this has become my problem」

「This has become pointless hasn’t it」

「Well, that’s how this is」

「Although you display a very gentlemanly, dignified and beautiful scene, In most cases, these kind of people may not come out obtaining benefits. On the contrary, most of these types of men actually become harmed/injured instead」

「In that time, as a man, I will be able to endure the hardships」

「Did you learn such principle’s from your parents?」

「If I had to say it was from something, It was from the game I used to play」

Sakura’s face stiffened when she heard the jesting statement Taiyou made.

Although it was the cold hard truth, for the other party, they felt as if he was just joking around.

「Is that so?」

Sakura had a slight smile on her face, however it was a different kind of smile from the one displayed previously.

It was an expression which signified, a failure in the negotiations.

「You fools, what have you been talking about since a while ago?」

Suddenly, the father of the girls butted in the conversation.

「I am the father of those girls. And all I am doing is taking my daughters back home」

「You……..Did you sell your daughters?」

「Huhhhh?」

The father glared at him. Taiyou recognised how despicable the father was, and he gave him a look of pure digust.

「You brat! What’s with those disrespectful eyes!」

Whilst shouting, the father threw a fist right at Taiyou.

Taiyou who had crossed over the boundaries of just being merely angry had instead become calm, he catches the fist thrown at him by the father, he put a bit of strength in his grip and squeezed.

「It, it hurts!!!」

The father gave a shriek/scream.

That fist, was about to follow the same fate as the apple in which he bought from the super market.

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「Let me go! 」

The father had greasy sweat dribbling down his forehead as he tried to shake his hands from Taiyou's grip.

Taiyou had a chilling glare directed towards the father. He wanted to crush the fathers hand just like he did with the apple, but the father managed to slip away before he got a chance.

「You insolent brat……..What is your intentions ? 」

The father's voice was trembling, his fist turned so white it looked painful and even his whole body was shaking.

On the other hand, Taiyou was extremely calm and composed.

「In retrospect, I should have crushed your fist the instant you attacked me」

「Wha…..」

The father became speechless. Seeing this scene, Sakura gracefully begins to talk.

「I see, you aren't all about "talking big"」(She's saying he can actually walk the talk)

「Sorry, I'm just a high school student so I don't understand that particular expression you just used」("talking big" is the unconventional expression she used)

「Did you know? I, favour a man like you, instead of boiling up in anger when he's under pressure, he can instantly cool down his mind, I think that this kind of disposition is really desirable」

「Instead of "dodging the question", and answering with another question why don't we start communicating more effectively?」

「I believe my conversational skills are logical enough. Well enough about that. More importantly, I will take your actions to mean that you are the ally of the girl's, will this be the correct assumption?」

「What is certain, is that I am not an ally of justice」

「Even more than me, aren't you the one having fun, by trying to "dodge" the conversation/question?」

Sakura covers her mouth, as she lets out a slight laughter.

「However, I understand. It seems there is no other way, even though I wanted to resolve

this in a peaceful manner」

After saying that, she raised her hands into the air and clicked her fingers together.

「—-Tsu!」 (surprised)

In that moment, the blood in Taiyou's whole body froze as if he was in some sort of hallucination. A shiver ran up his spine and without thinking he took a step back in retreat.

He soon realised why he was shivering. In compliance with Sakura's summoning, groups of men wearing black clothing started to appear in succession as if out of thin air.

That is, twenty men dressed in black appeared from the yonder and surrounded Taiyou from three different directions.

Seeing such a Taiyou, Sakura turned towards the father and gave a look of confirmation.

「It's about to get a little rough, this should not be a problem for you right? 」

「The things that was promised to me, they will be delivered on time right? 」

「It most certainly will, that's because your honourable-daughters have the hopes and dreams of all the women in the world on the line. Taking that into consideration, a price that corresponds with its high value will surely be rewarded to you」

「Hehehehehehe」

After hearing Sakura's words, the father of the girls had a satisfied smile and laughed in a vulgar manner.

The conversation between the two was about such a vulgar/disgusting topic that Taiyou suspected Sakura's ulterior motives for letting him hear it.

「I can't believe that there really is a father that would sell their own daughter…..」

「Huhhh, you brat—-」

Hayakawa's father whom was about to curse at Taiyou, was stopped by Sakura when she signalled him to stop with her hand.

「The act of selling's one daughter you can just think of it as a disreputable part time job that one takes in desperate times」

「…….」

Taiyou was silent, for the first time in his life, a horrible feeling that he could not imagine began to rise in his heart.

His anger was like magma, he felt it bubbling and boiling from within the depths of his heart———However, the violent emotion was not reflected in his face at all, that was the kind of young man Natsuno Taiyou was.

On the contrary, his mind began to cool down rapidly. In an instant his heart went cold and calculative, it was as if his fury took him below the freezing point and he reached the pinnacle of absolute zero.

He looked around the vicinity.

Behind him was a concrete wall, and in front was the blacked clothed men surrounding

him from three directions. It was a situation where he and the three sisters were completely enclosed with no way to escape.

In order to break out of this situation——he began to think for a little, and without turning his head around he started to talk to the three sisters.

「I will open a path, When the opportunity arises, please use that chance to escape」

「What about you Taiyou-san? 」

He heard them speaking, but he could not really pin point which of the three sisters was speaking. Because there was no room for him to make a mistake by turning his head around.

「Don't worry about me, I will make it out somehow」

「But—-」

「Please just go」

Taiyou calmly rebutted whatever they were going to say without giving them a chance to continue.

「The most I can do for you guys is to create a path of retreat. With this many enemies surrounding us, it will be too difficult to protect you guys at the same time. You understand don't you? 」

「I understand. Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan you guys are fine with this as well right? 」

「Yeah! 」

「We'll run to the best of our abilities」

「Alright, that's good then…….」

Taiyou nods his head and refocusses his full attention on the black clothed men.

During the time period in which Taiyou was communicating with the girls, Sakura gave multiple instructions out and the men in black clothing started to converge and take position to engage. Even if he could create a diversion to open a gap in between them, the hole would soon close up again.

The plan Taiyou discussed with the girls was seemingly the correct course of action to take, however…

「Let's go! UOOOO!」

Taiyou let out a war cry—-and turned his face to look behind him. And he went straight towards the concrete wall and started to hit it!

DOKA! GARAGARAGARA. (*punch* *crumble* rocks falling)

The concrete wall crumbled to dust and a cloud of sand raised from the ground.

「A, amazing…..as expected of Taiyou-san」

「Is this the time to be impressed?! Quickly get away」

He was speaking loudly and trying to urge them to escape. When he did the three sisters

were shocked to action and began to make their way towards the other side of the hole. The three sisters were unwilling to part with Taiyou and they looked at him one last time before making their escape together.

They were taking advantage of the fact that Sakura was taken aback with amazement and using it as an opportunity to escape through the hole, Taiyou had the aura of a mighty warrior and was standing in a daunting pose.

Sakura whom was late to react had a bitter smile on her face.

「I didn't expect that you would be able to open a hole in that concrete wall」

「Did you think I would go towards the black clothed men? If that's the case then it's regrettable. To be completely caught off guard, how does it feel? 」

「You need to say that kind of dialog more sinisterly, otherwise it won't be effective」

「If a person is good natured, my way of talking is also acceptable」

「Ara (oh), But it seems that you have a wicked heart」

Sakura was standing on guard, ufufufu, and on the contrary, she began to laugh as if she was enjoying the challenge.

「Oi, what are you just standing there, quickly chase after them」

Hayakawa's father was shouting at the men in black and tried to get them to move. They were unable to comprehend the event that occurred because it was beyond their expectations, so instead of taking action they seemed to have looked towards Sakura and waited for the next set of instructions.

「It would appear that instead of taking a detour, it would be faster to just push onwards. There is no other choice, please subdue that child」

「Yes! 」

One of the men clothed in black responded to the order, and he extended a hand which looked tough and muscular towards Taiyou.

Taiyou casually grasps the man's hand, and returned a punch of his own.

The man in black tried to guard against it, however—.

「Gu…….Haa…..」

Taiyou easily broke past the man's guard, and his fist landed straight in the belly of the man. In an instant, the man's body was raised from the ground, and his body blown backwards and flew like the way you would write the 〈 Japanese character.

「…….You, are you for real? 」

The complexion of Sakura's face changed. It was an expression that was filled with astonishment looking at how powerful Taiyou was.

「I'm just an average kid, that is crazy about games」

「Is that so? 」

Sakura erased her surprised expression and jerked her chin, when she did the men in black

all moved at once and went towards Taiyou.

Taiyou took a step back and went inside the hole in the wall. He went from a position in which he could be attacked from three directions to where it was only possible to attack him from the front.

It was the kind of knowledge he applied from the SRPG he used to play back when he was leveling up in his games. (Strategical Role Playing Games)

Taiyou began to punch the incoming black men and knock them away one at a time.

It was an overwhelming amount of power, all he needed was one punch in order to defeat his opponents.

After all, that strength was a power which exceeded common sense……..It was a power he obtained from leveling up and reaching 30 strength. However, his other stats were mediocre and because of this, Taiyou were unable to dodge or deflect the attacks coming from the men in black and he actually received plenty of strikes from his opponents as well.

The men in black came at him one after another, and he received numerous blows to his body, and the damage was piling up.

Even so, Taiyou's punches did not seem to get any weaker in strength. He was continuously defeating the black clothed men in one punch.

「What kind of M, Monster are you? 」 (Hayakawa's father)

「……tsu」

He wiped the corners of his mouth where fresh blood was seeping out with the back of his hand. He completely ignored Hayakawa's father who was frightened by him, and looked towards Sakura whom had a sour face right now. Hayakawa's father was only a small issue, the main problem was all caused by Sakura.

「These bunch of good-for-nothing, fellows」 (Taiyou speaking)

Taiyou was grinning and laughing, because the result seemed to be apparent, his next move was to make a bluff.

「…….These guys and I have worked together for a very long time, I know best the extent of their true abilities. They are definitely not one to get beaten by high school student」

Sakura gave Taiyou a piercing gaze.

「You, who are you really? 」

「Like I said……I'm just your regular high school kid that is crazy about his games」

「Since you are not willing to answer, does this mean that if I want to find out, I'll have to use brute strength to pry it out of you? 」 (Sakura speaking)

「Who knows, we shall see」

Taiyou responds in a light hearted manner.

Suddenly, an uncomfortable feeling welled in him.

At first he didn’t know what gave him that uncomfortable feeling, so he started to look around to find out what it was.

However when he realised what it was, his heart grew even more worried, and it was like a large bell was being wrung loudly in his head.

——ZOKU! (*tremble*)

The hot sweat which came out as he was battling, turned to cold sweat in an instant. The scary chill which ran up his spine returned again.

It was the instant, in which Sakura raised up her hand, in which he felt this feeling. However, he was mistaken when he thought that what would appear would be another bunch of men in black.

Taiyou instinctively made a step back.

An extreme explosion of killing intent was released, and without thinking, Taiyou was reacting with his instincts.

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The inside of my brain was painted in white.

My thoughts were suspended, the scene in front of me was so unrealistic that I felt like it wasn't real, It was almost as if I was seeing the world from a computer screen and spectating some kind of FPS game.

In the residential area where the sun was beginning to set and evening was about to arrive, Taiyou stood in an upright fashion.

In the space that seemed to exude darkness——a white girl appeared.

The girl had a slender build and she was holding an unbalanced sword in her hand.

An attack!

Even if he realised what was happening inside his brain, Taiyou continued to stand still without moving a muscle.

The swaying street light reflected a dark grey light.

The dazzling sword……..approaches before his eye's!

「Taiyou-chan!」

「—-tsu!」

Taiyou whom barely reacted to his name being called, fiercely kicked the earth beneath his feet and flew backwards. Because it was so unpredictable, he landed in a unsightly/clumsy way falling unto his back, however, thanks to his timely response he was able to avoid the balde which blurred and sliced the wind creating a howling sound.

「Taiyou-chan are you ok!?」

With half his brain still paralyzed from the amount of killing intent that poured towards him, he looked in the direction that the voice came from. Before he was aware of it, what appeared in front of him was the worried expression of his level up fairy, Hera.

Gradually, his thoughts began to settle and he regained some control over his body.

「……..I'm safe, there's no problem」

「I'm so glad〜…..」

He patted the head of Hera who seemed like she could cry at any moment, and he slowly pushed himself up from the ground.

「What a strange, person」

The girl mutters. Taiyou rebuilt his stance, and looked at the girl who launched the slashing attack at him.

what stood before him was an unbalanced girl.

a distinctive feature of hers, was her long white hair which reached the back of her knees and was fluttering in the wind. possessing a skin that was similar in colour to her hair (albino skin), and red boundless eyes which seemed to be looking at everything and nothing at the same time.

In contrast to all of this, she was wearing a black gothic Lolita dress, which portrayed a witch like image.

on top of her white(fair) look she covered it with black clothing.

That was not the end of her imbalanced look, She appeared to be around 140 centimetres tall but she was holding a normal Japanese katana that had a wooden handle.

She was still standing in her battle Iai pose, whilst she looked at Taiyou in a mysterious way. (Iai battle stance = Kenshin move, the one where he draws his sword and uses that momentum to make an attack and immediately sheaths it again.)

「You….who are you?」

Taiyou questions/challenges her. Maybe because his brain wasn't working properly yet, rather than asking why she attacked him, Taiyou was more interested in who she was.

「My name is not worth mentioning」

After the girl declared such a thing, she tilted her head as if she suddenly remembered something.

「Actually I misspoke…….You are not worthy to know my name」(**Illustration: Shirokiyami Wielding a Katana**)

「Hey, was there a point to stating it like that?」

「Yes. It's the manners I learnt from someone I know. they also told me that I should wear a mask whilst saying such things」

「I don't really know whom you learnt such things from, but they don't seem like decent/good people to me!」

Taiyou intensely declared.

「Most likely, you are also not a decent/good person」

「Why's that?」

「The way you were speaking to yourself just know was weird」

「uuuu」

What she was trying to say was, he had been talking to himself all this while at the energetic thing that kept flying around his vicinity with a twinkle in her eyes.

In other words, although it seemed as though he was talking to himself, he was in fact talking with Hera.

To Taiyou all he did was thank Hera whom saved him from a pinch by giving her a nice pat on the head.

However nobody other than him could see Hera's existence/appearance, that's the reason it seemed like he was talking to himself in a soliloquy, even if he was called strange/weird for it, there was nothing he could say in rebuttal.

「Taiyou-chan〜……」

Hera also understood this fact and she showed him an apologetic look.

Taiyou was smiling and had an expression that said "its not your fault" . He turned to face the girl and Sakura, and rebuilt his expression to a more serious one and began to speak.

「That was quite an ambush」

「It was not my intention to hide anything from you, you know? She was right there from the start」

「Since the beginning?」

「Yeah, since the beginning. she was standing amongst them」

「Aren't you lying? I couldn't detect her presence in the slightest」

「Her speciality is being able to hide/disappear within the shadows/darkness」

The girl stuck out her chest and she had a slightly boasted/proud look on her face…….I'm not sure if being good at hiding was something to be proud of, But what I do know is that her breasts, were indeed something to be proud about. (Note: easier way of saying this is, her tits are huge!)

「Like I thought, wasn't she intentionally trying to hide her presence!」

「Well I guess what you say makes sense」

「Don't just suddenly agree with me! And what's with that dangerous looking sword, isn't it a violation of the law to hold that thing in public?」

「This is a piece of art. I also have a license for it, so it's not a problem」

「The fact that the sword can cut people is strange!!」

「No problem」

The girl quietly repeated her statement, and as if she was showing off her sword, she pointed it towards Taiyou.

「Even if that's the case, you can't just go around and start cutting people up right?」

「That too, is, no problem」

「nononononono—-」

Obviously there was a huge problem—-The moment she casually claimed that chopping people up was “not a problem” I felt shiver go up my spine.

「It will all be good, after cutting them up, isn’t there always people that will clean up after me?」

Whilst saying such cruel things, she cutely tilted her head, and looked towards Sakura as if she was trying to confirm the validity of her words.

「Well now, what were we talking about again? I don’t really comprehend the conversation just now」

Although she was feigning innocence, her unnatural tone of voice told a completely different story.

「Is this the forgetful giveaway stall?」

「Mhmm, I have absolutely no recollection of such things ever occuring」

「Well, apparently that’s how it is」

the girl faced Taiyou and pointed her sword right at him.

「Are you prepared…..to die?」

A killing intent that was three times thicker than before rose up and assaulted Taiyou.

It was after all a killing intent so strong that it could bind his movements, however, having already experienced this feeling multiple times in a short period he was able to gain some experience dealing with it and he was slightly more used to it. In order to rile himself up Taiyou released a fearsome warcry and savagely headed towards the girl.

instead of shrinking back in fear, he faced her head on.

「——tsu」

Perhaps it was because she did not expect him to actually rush at her, the woman’s noble face was lit brightly in surprise. Facing such a Taiyou, she pulled back the tip of her sword for a moment.

However, Taiyou did not let her escape. He extended his hands forwards and faster than she could sheath her sword into the scabbard, Taiyou grabbed the sides of the sword with both his hands——and he put strength into his arms.

BAKIN! (*snap*)

both of his arms crossed each other and in that moment a snapping sound could be heard echoing in the surrondings.

Taiyou gripped the girl’s sword…….and crazily enough it seems that he snapped it in two!

Completely blowing her mind, the girl looks at her broken blade in utter shock. It would seem that Sakura was also in the same condition, her eye’s seemed to grow so big they would pop out and she did not expect for such a development to happen that she was at a loss for words.

It’s now or never!

Thinking such things Taiyou threw the broken piece of the sword which he held in his arms directly at Sakura.

He thought that if he threw the sword at the mysterious girl she would just deflect the sword easily, therefore he threw it at Sakura whom he predicted was not a martial artist.

And just like he predicted, Sakura could not react to his throw so the mysterious white girl overtook the broken sword piece flying towards Sakura and easily deflected it away.

A metallic sound resounded and sparks scattered everywhere. In that moment of opportunity Taiyou turned his body and together with Hera, he dashed away with lighting speed and escaped.

「Haa……..Haa……..If I have ran this far, It should be safe right?」

Taiyou whom ran away with all his might had gone out of the residential district,and he arrived in the down town where it was bustling with people everywhere. Taiyou had a frantic expression on his face, after barely escaping he was out of air and was trying to catch his breath on the roadside, passersby who saw him all gave a doubtful/suspicious look.

Although he was being stared like he was some weird person, funnily enough he actually welcomed it right now. If there are this many witnesses around, there was a less likely chance of him being attacked in public.

「Haa…….I thought I was going die…….. More like, If I had to fight her again one more time, I would be 100% dead」

When any one of his emotions became too overpowering or approached their limits, Taiyou would on the contrary become calm and composed, that was the kind of unique personality he had. Even now it was the same, faced with overwhelming killing intent he literally felt his death approaching but instead of pissing his pants, he actually became calm enough to analyse the difference in each others strengths and make a judgement based on that to maximise his survivability.

An adult or a child?…….No it was more like seeing the birth of a professional hand-to-hand fighter take its first baby steps.

There was a huge difference in strength between him and that mysterious girl.

facing such a woman he was able to create a moment of opportunity and escape with his life.

He imagined that it would be difficult to catch them off guard like that again a second time.

If they were to meet again, he thought that the next time he would surely be cut down, he was overlooking this as if he was seeing the problem from someone else’s eyes.

「Even so, Taiyou-chan you were so cool～. As expected of my Taiyou-chan～」

「Before you say anything else, Hera, I have a favour to ask of you. Are you able to part from me and act on your own?」

「Separate from you? uhm, with your level the way it is right now, I can separate from

you up to a radius of 1 kilometres〜」

「So even that is dependant on my level huh……..well for now this kind of this is not something I should worry about. you said that you can do around 1 kilometre radius right?」

「What would you like me to do?」

「Won't you find Kotone and the other girls for me? The situation became quite messy when I was battling and beating the men dressed in black, and as soon as possible I would prefer it if we could regroup together」

「I understand, leave it to me〜!」

After saying such things, Hera rigorously flaps her wings and took off into the night sky.

Taiyou saw her off and then he leaned his back against a nearby wall, his whole body was completely exhausted.

It was as if his hands suddenly remembered to feel again, pain shot through his fingers into his arms.

When he looked closer, the palms of his hands had cuts on it and bloodstains could be seen. It probably happened when he gripped her katana and broke it off with his bare hands.

He fumbled around his pockets in search for something to stop the bleeding. However, he was, after all just a high school student boy living alone, things like handkerchiefs or tissues was not something a school boy would bring around in his pockets and he did not have such things on him either.

When he thought that there was no other choice but to tear the hem of his shirt to use it as a bandage….

「Here, You can use, this」

In front of his eyes a white handkerchief was presented to him.

When he looked to see who it was, he discovered that it was the white mysterious girl he had just fought with.

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To the sudden event that occurred Taiyou's head went blank. However that was only for a moment and he soon got his bearings and hopped away like a frog and gained some distance from the white woman in one breath's time.

The pedestrians who saw such a peculiar action by Taiyou, gave him various kinds of gazes/reactions. A business salary man had a strange look on his face as he alternated looking between the girl and Taiyou, A mother told their kid "Shh, don't look at them" and she hurriedly brang her curious kids away from the scene.

The people around him were giving him an over exaggerated amount of attention, however, if you compare it to what happened to him moments ago, where a Japanese Katana sword was pointed right at him, their reactions would be even more crazier if they saw such a scene, in fact this kind of reaction would have been insufficient.

Taiyou was displaying a posture of extreme vigilance but it seems that such actions were a futile and vain effort. The white girl had a handkerchief in her hands, instead of the Japanese Katana, and there seemed to be no other hidden motives in her actions.

Both her hostility and her killing intent was so meek that he could barely feel it.

Honestly, the feeling was so different that he almost thought that they were different people, Taiyou was bewildered/perplexed.

Looking at the girl, he couldn't hold it any longer and he asked her a question.

「You, Why are you here?」

「Handkerchief」

「Eh?」

「More importantly, you? That hand is bleeding 」

Taiyou was still breathing irregularly, and he looked at the handkerchief was had been presented towards his hands.

It seems she's trying to lend me her handkerchief in order to stop my bleeding?

「Why…….?」

「Having a handkerchief, is part of a woman's etiquet, te」(Note: she talks in broken

sentences: Etiquette)

「No that’s not what I am asking you…….」

「—it, was what a guy, once told, me 」

「A man taught you those etiquette?!」

「After that time, I held it on with me, where ever, I went」

「From that moment onwards? You haven’t replaced it with a new one?」

She tilted her neck slightly, and was thinking for a little while.

「……I don’t really, remember?」

「Please! can’t you start talking in a more political fashion!? It almost seemed like you had a total memory loss or something!」

「…….my secretary, talk, to you?」

「Like I said please talk in a more political manner!」

「……would you die……..for, me?」

「This is so hopeless!」

A comical dialog between these two people seemed to have unfolded on the road side. The pedestrians who saw the both of them would hurriedly try to avoid their path by walking faster, and this made Taiyou remember something slightly uncomfortable.

「We are getting way to side tracked here, you, why exactly did you come here for, that’s what I am asking you」

「That is, I came to recieve, compen……sation」

「compensation?」

「For the katana you broke, I want, compensation」

「Oioi……..」

Taiyou was astonished beyond belief.

「So you came here just for that?」

「It’s not just, a small, matter」

The mysterious white girl arched her eyebrows. Since the first time I met her, she showed me an expression of displeasure. (pout)

Although she was already a beautiful girl to begin with, maybe it was because it was the first time since they were both together that the tension had completely disappeared, but he thought that she was extremely cute.

「That child (the katana)…….. is my second favourite masterpiece, moreover……..it’s really, expensive」

「When you say expensive……How much are we talking about here?」

The subject changed to money, and this time he mentally prepared himself.

「It’s around……..seven digits」

「That’s ridiculous! you could buy a car with that kind of money!?」

「That’s….not it, when I said around, I meant that it was crossing over to eight digits」

「Can’t you buy a house with that? just what kind of sword was it!?」

「That sword can be considered cheap, my favourite sword is worth…..」

「Your favourite sword is worth?」

I gulped a huge amount of saliva in expectation.

「national treasure」

「for reals?」

「truly. That’s why, its price… less…….Just like how my smile is」

「Aren’t you exaggerating a little too much!」

Although sure she was cute. but saying her smile is priceless was like saying she was a hooker. (Note: in Japanese the act of selling smiles was a term that can refer to a prostitutes way of attracting men to buy their “smiles”)

「Complain, to the person, who taught me to say, such things」

「Who is this person really!?」

「…….Po」

「I understand, all I need to know is that the person who taught you such things is truly a despicable fellow!」

unexpectedly Taiyou was a little riled up by the conversation. He hit the wall next to him with his full power. With a strength of 30, the wall crumbled easily.

「That reminds me. When you broke my sword a little, while ago」

「Hmm?」

Her voice still contained a little bit of grudge for what he did to her sword as she talked to him.

「You have amazing strength. I was able to deflect the sword that you……threw at me, but, my hands, they are still shaking/rattling. It was a dreadfully straight aim you had」

「Well I’m not sure if it was all that accurate」

「The secret to your strength, I want to know」

「Well, even if you say secret—」

He could not really mention the fact that he was capable of leveling up, as it would definitely lead to huge misunderstanding,

However, in the next moment. The facade that he tried to put out of feigning ignorance was blown away by the next set of statements.

「The power you displayed, with the amount of muscle on your body…….. applying the

physical laws of nature……is most definitely, weird」

「–tsu!」

「There must be some other source to your strength. maybe its power you obtained from chi/qi? or is it perhaps, the thing known as…….magic?」

The white girl took a good guess but she was still quite far from the real reason. Although most her guessing had been off the bulls-eye, Taiyou had to recover his trembling heart from exposing the “secret” and he quickly returned to pretending to be senile/dumb/innocent.

「These days becoming reincarnated as a cheat character is really common…….don’t you think that this may be my second life?」

「That kind of, Unrealistic……thing, I refuse to believe it」

「For you, things like Chi/qi or Magic is that something that is supposed to be realistic!?」

「By the way, for your information, I do not, use, either…….of those things」

「You don’t?! From the flow of the conversation, you completely fooled me into believing you were some sort of magician or something」

「chi/qi is unnecessary. Physics/law of nature, is important. That’s because, “being big, fast and strong. if you have those three things you wont lose to anyone” is what someone erotic once told me」

「I think you mean to say admirable person, these particular words are logical and seem straightforward」

「No, it truly was…….An ero person who said it. An admirable person would have a thick bible book, however, that person had a thin book in his hands, that’s why」

「Indeed, I have no idea what you are saying!」

「The company and Chris’s thin book……..I love these things」

「This Chris person’s gender, its probably better if I don’t ask you about it right?!」

after exchanging such a comedic conversation with the white girl, Taiyou complete let down his guard and couldn’t think of such a girl as his enemy anymore.

She was cute, a little bit strange, and she reminded him of someone that was familiar to him, she was the type of girl he couldn’t hate.

It almost seemed as if their previous wild encounter/battle was a complete lie.

Therefore, he was awfully confused. He could not grasp the girls real personality.

She wasn’t his ally, but at the same time he could not see her as an enemy either.

She was an opponent he fought once before, and even now the wound in the palm of his hands would begin to pound/pulse whenever he remembered the scene. It was difficult for him to make a clear-cut decision as to their relationship status.

Whilst he was thinking about what to do.

「Taiyou-chan! I've found them〜!」

Hera appeared right in the empty space beside the white girl and came flying towards him.

Seeing her figure instantaneously teleport near him, Taiyou was still surprised as he was not used to it.

「Uwaa?」

The white girl leaned her head in doubt. Taiyou was flustered and he tried to cover up his actions.

「It, its nothing. A telephone call just came in, that's all」

Taiyou grabbed out his smart phone which was still broken and pretended to touch the screen, he then put the phone next to his ear.

「Hello」

Whilst saying such things, he winks at Hera.

Hera nods her head in understanding and gave a thumbs up to Taiyou whilst looking at the white girl.

「What's up, did you find them?」

「Yes〜, I found them〜」

「The place? can you please tell me where it is?」

「Its over here〜」

「I understand, I'll come over right now」

He was talking with a fairy nobody could see, normally people would think he was crazy if he started talking in a soliloque, however by holding up a phone to his ears, in this modern age he splendidly solved the problem and could become less conspicuous/suspicious.

Taiyou whilst pretending to be on the phone, gave a slight bow towards the white girl, he returned to her the handkerchief he obtained and hurriedly tried to depart.

Following Hera's guide he started to depart, but he turned back to glance at the white girl.

She was just staring silently at him, and she did not seem to intend to follow him.

Looking at her not moving to follow, Taiyou was slightly relieved.

All the albino coloured girl did was stare silently into the back figure of a young boy as he continued on his path.

「I was…….being avoided/warded off」

As she muttered she things, she let out a slight sigh of dejection.

When compared to other boys and girls of her age, just by a little bit……..Her physical strength was above average. Her eyesight was extraordinary like a savannah huntress, and her hearing was also exceptional. it was to such an extent where, if she had been stuck in traffic she could hear the sounds of music coming out from a person wearing earplugs

without any problems at all.

There was nothing her ears could not zone in on. From Taiyou’s phone, she could not hear any form of conversation being said by the party on the other side of the phone. From her perspective, it was as if the only reason he did that was to escape from her presence.

The stains of fresh blood on the handkerchief reminded her of the existence of the boy whom she had cut in the palm with her katana. Thinking back, it was natural for him to want to avoid her after such a thing.

Although it was a natural reaction, even then the action of him trying to avoid her, made her heart ache with sadness, such was the problems of a pubescent young girl.

She returned from the road she came from, and her retreating figure, seemed to somehow look really lonely.

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At Night: Taiyou dashes through the shopping district. He ran so fast that he would almost crash into the surrounding pedestrians, or sometimes he would stumble over the maintenance holes/manholes, but he ignored all this and continued to follow Hera as fast as he could.

「Hey Hera, are the girls are safe?」

「Yes, They are safe〜」

Hera answers me in a very carefree manner. Taiyou responded to Hera's comment with an "is that so?", and as expected he was worried for the girls wellbeing. Hearing it from Hera was one thing, but unless he actually confirmed it with his own eyes, it was not possible for Taiyou to feel relieved.

Whilst keeping such feelings inside him, Hera was guiding him towards a place that he was deeply familiar with.

「Isn't this……The apartment I live in? 」

「Yes desu〜. ummm…….」

Hera was floating in the air and looking around for the three sisters. Before she was able to find them, the girls themselves appeared.

「Taiyou-san!」

Although he only heard one voice, it was their speciality of being able to speak all at the same time. Immediately after, the figures of the girls could be seen dashing from the shadow of the building.

It was the peculiar identical triplets.

The three people with the same face: Kotone, Suzune and Kazane simultaneously appeared and rushed over towards Taiyou.

「Uwaaa!」

They came up really close to him and all at once they pounced/jumped on him. Pressed by the sudden weight of all three girls combined, Taiyou's lower body was slightly strained.

Due to the abrupt action of the girls he lost his balance, he was in a position where the

three girls were laying on top of him like he was some sort of table. Crash, Boom, bang! Sounds like this were heard as he fell over.

「Uwaaaannn, Taiyou-san…….Taiyou-san! 」

Kotone repeatedly called out his name with a loud voice. She was holding to his right hand firmly like a childish young girl.

The other girls were also in a similar position. The second tallest girl Suzune was wrapped around his waist like a toddler and Kazane who was the smallest of the trio was holding on to his left arm. Being tightly gripped in a snake like hold by the three, Taiyou could barely move a muscle let alone try to get up.

No, If he really wanted to try and get up he could easily do it, this is because, due to leveling up, his strength level's as quoted by the white girl is "beyond the laws of nature, a strange power" If he was motivated enough to get up, he could stand with all three girls still stuck to his body.

However, he did no such thing. Previously when they were escaping, Taiyou said to the girls "Leave this to me, you guys should head off first", these kind of words were usually a precursor to the death of a character in many films, and without a doubt this caused the girls to become really worried about him.

Therefore, he let the girls do as they pleased for a little while.

「Kyaah!」

Suddenly, Kotone let out a scream. Checking to see what had happened Taiyou gazed in her direction, Kotone had a surprised expression on her face as she looked at Taiyou's hand and her own clothes.

After looking at the situation he understood what she was so shocked about.

The wound he received in the palm of his hands from the white girl, was not yet completely healed. Due to her being glued to his body so closely, there was a sticky patch of red blood that was attached to her clothes.

The amount of blood that was flowing from his hands were almost like a horror scene where the characters would smear blood all over the glass windows. She released another scream.

「Koto-chan! What's wrong?!」

「Taiyou-san's hands, is this…..Perhaps a cut wound? 」

「The wound seems quite deep……..Wo, wont it become infected? 」

「I think it looks alright……The cut was clean. Suzu-chan, Handkerchief」

「Here you go」

Kotone received a white handkerchief from Suzune, she folded it into layers and wrapped it around Taiyou's palms. She proceeded to wrap it around his arms in more layers and pressed tightly to stop the bleeding.

「Itatatata, wha, what are you doing?」(Note: itatata= ouch, ouch ouch)

「Please endure it, I’m stopping the bleeding. Suzu-chan, Kaza-chan, you guys hold his wrist」

「Yes!」

「I understand!」

The two listened to their older sister and grabbed unto Taiyou’s wrist. Their grip was as strong as a vice.

「You guys….What on earth…..」

「Because the wound is not dirty, we can put off disinfecting it for a while longer」

「Yeah, First we need to stop the bleeding」

「If we don’t it may get dangerous due to blood loss」

「Ahh…..You guys want to stop my bleeding by applying pressure? 」

Taiyou finally understood their actions. Although disinfecting the wound was also an important process, to normal people when they lose as much blood as him, it is likely that they will go into cardiac arrest and die. The analogy of disinfection is like, if you don’t eat food for 1 week the most that will happen is you will starve, however, if a human doesn’t drink water for a mere 3 days they will die, it was similar to that.

The concept behind their actions was precisely to stop the bleeding first before later disinfecting the wound,

「You guys, are really good at this. Where did you learn such a thing? 」

Even though he asked, the girls didn’t respond to him.

It wasn’t like they were ignoring him, on the contrary it was the opposite.

They were so focused on their job in tending to him that they couldn’t respond. They were so worried for him when they saw the wound that they couldn’t hear his voice when he spoke.

It was almost as if they were tending to their own wounds……..No it was even more dedication than that, they were desperately trying to stop the bleeding of his palms.

「……..It’s really warm」

Suddenly, such an impression leaked from his mouth.

He said those words spontaneously, and from the depths of his heart, he really felt like it was filled with warmth.

Kotone was applying pressure on his palms, whilst Suzune and Kazane was gripping around his wrist to slow the blood flow. Although he was gripped so tightly, their hands felt really warm to Taiyou.

Suddenly, he began to notice something.

The palpitations of a beating heart.

It was different from his own heartbeat. From the three girls, their heart beats was getting conveyed to him from their hands. Surely enough, although they were three separate

people the three sisters had the exact same rhythm of heart beats.

「Is this just a coincidence?……no」

At first he didn't believe their synchronicity but he soon threw such notions of impossibility away. This is because, the three people moved in the same exact pace and rhythm as they tended to him.

It was like watching a wave that piled on top of each other. Nevertheless, the wave would flow at the same pace.

It was not something that could occur merely by coincidence.

(After all they are identical triplets) Taiyou thought to himself.

At the same time he felt slightly uncomfortable. This is because amongst the four of them there was one heart beat that was different.

It was of course his own heartbeat. It was what he was accustomed to hearing, however it was a different rhythm to the girls.

Knowing that he was interrupting the flow of their hearts with his irregular pulse he felt slightly guilty.

Because of this, he tried to get his hands away from them.

「Ahh……You can't move yet」

Kotone used more strength to grasp his hand in place. Suzune and Kazane also followed suit and they tightly held onto his wrist whilst turning their gaze towards him.

「…..My bad」

Whilst apologizing he once again remembered the pleasant feeling of his hands being held.

Their hands were soft, and they were warm. This was……an experienced he never felt before in his life.

It was no longer the cold hand which lost a lot of blood, it became a hand that was filled with heartfelt emotions.

「…….」

He silently gripped Kotone's hand in return and placed the other two's hand on top of his.

「Taiyou-san?」

「Thank you」

Although it was embarrassing for him to say it out, he managed to get the words out. Most likely, the three sisters didn't really need such words to be said.

However, he felt like the foreign substance that…….intruded on their harmonious existence.

If he didn't say the words of appreciation, he thought that it wouldn't be conveyed properly, that's why he said it.

When he gave them his thanks, the three sisters began to get flustered.

「you, you didn’t have to, the people that have to say thank you is us」

「That’s right, you were the one who saved us from those people」

「If we didn’t have you, we would have become guinea pigs right about now」

「Ahh, that’s also true」

He actually didn’t dare to admit that he had been thanking them for a different matter, so he just agreed with them.

He thought if he stated the real reason, he would seem pathetic.

That’s why he just opted to hold their hands with a little more strength.

More so than the amount of strength he put into his grip, his grip was filled with sincerity.

For a little while, all they did was hold into each other’s hands.

It was in the middle of the night at the residential area, right in front of his apartment entrance.

One boy and three girls were sitting on the ground whilst they had their hands overlapped with each other.

If they were sighted by some pedestrians they would probably be seen as weird/strange people, but thankfully at this time of the night, nobody was passing by the road.

The amount of time they were there was unknown but it was enough for the floor to grow cold on their bottoms.

Meanwhile, it would seem that the girl’s emergency treatment had begun to work and the bleeding of his palms had been stopped.

However, even when the bleeding was stopped the four people continued to hold hands without separating.

The girls were finally able to turn their eyes away from his palms as the bleeding had stopped. It was as if they were waiting for the bleeding to stop before they looked away.

Seeing such reactions, he thought the girls were really sweet/precious and way too good for someone like him. Even now, he wanted to embrace them.

He wanted to, but right now he couldn’t do it.

Taiyou was a peculiar young boy that lived by a set of very fastidious rules.

If he wanted to be together with the girls, he would first have to convey his idea’s to the other party, and then only after reaching a resolution on the problem would he dare to make a move on them. Whilst thinking such things, he looked downwards as he talked to the girls.

「What do you guys want to do from now on?」

「「「We want to be together with Taiyou-san!!」」」

The three talked in their usual chorus.

「Thank you. But that’s not what I was referring to. What I really want to talk about is what we can do in order to realize our objectives. In order for us to be together, we need to work around the “problem” you guys are facing and reach a good solution」

Hearing Taiyou’s words the three girls glanced at each other, and looked down towards the ground whilst thinking in silence.

This question was too difficult for them to answer and they couldn’t figure out a solution.

It couldn’t really be helped. At any rate, their opponent this time around was in fact their real father. No matter how unsympathetic he was, or how outrageous his behaviour was towards them. Naturally these pure girls couldn’t really take action against their own father.

For these three children, their father was an irrational existence.

On one side they revered him like he was a god, yet on the other side, his existence can become akin to the devil.

「Well……What should we do, I wonder」 (note: Taiyou speaking)

「If that’s the case, I can give you a good solution」 (note: Sakura speaking)

「Junishima……Sakura……」

Her name was gently called out in quiet voice.

Before he noticed it, Sakura was already in front of him and all the hairs in Taiyou’s body stood up.

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With the appearance of Junishima Sakura, The problem that the girls couldn’t solve came crashing right in front of them. Confirming that Sakura was indeed here, Taiyou thought that he needed to protect the three girls, however even before he had the chance to react, the three girls let go of his hands.

Suzune and Kazane went to the front of him and Kotone being the eldest was standing at the front of her sisters as if she was trying to protect/shield all of them with her body.

Their actions weren’t planned out, however they did not show the slightest hesitation to jumping in front of Taiyou.

Without wavering they jumped in front of their adversary, the girls had strong resolve and was willingly volunteering themselves to become his shield. Taiyou understood their kind intentions.

However, He wasn’t going to let them do whatever they pleased. Taiyou believed that being protected by girls just for the reason that he was slightly injured, was not something he could accept, as a man he thought that he should do something.

Thinking such thoughts, Taiyou gently pulled Kotone backwards and he stepped forward in front of the girls to replace their position.

「Taiyou-san!」

「I’m alright, thanks to you guys my bleeding has stopped 」

After he gave a smile to the girls, his line of vision once again turned to focus on Sakura.

Her appearance had not changed at all since he last met her. Her cold-hearted/piercing smile, the tight skirt she was wearing and even the atmosphere she exuded were all the same. There was only one aspect of her that that was different from before.

Her intimidation factor raised another level. It was as if he was facing some sort of boss character from an RPG that appeared to block his way whenever he reached a certain milestone.

Taiyou was leading the vanguard and faced her head on.

「Are you even human?」

Whilst he said this, he was looking around his vicinity——-he was looking for Hera, after

finding her he exchanged looks with her to communicate something.

「Roger desu〜!」

After their secret exchange Hera saluted Taiyou and flew into the air and left. Hera seemed to have understood that Taiyou wanted her to scout around the area. After she flew around the vicinity, she looked at Taiyou and made a circle symbol on top of her head with her hands. (Note: a Circle in Japan is commonly used as a positive symbol meaning OK/good/all clear)

「Yes, I am a human being, why do you ask?」

「…….It would seem, that I don't "sense" any of your bodyguards with you this time around」

Making use of the information he obtained from Hera, He tried to bluff/intimidate Sakura.

「Oh? I didn't know you had such a skill/ability」

「You never know, what I just said may have been just a bluff」

「That can't be true. You seemed so definite about your statement. If you're telling me that what you said was a bluff, then you certainly have the qualifications/talent to become an actor」

「I don't particularly like Olive Oil, you know?」(Note: This particular expression is about how Japanese people drink a little bit of olive oil before going out for drinks, in order to line their stomachs to stop them from getting drunk. If you are an actor in Japan it would seem that going out for drinks and socialising with producers and such is the norm)

「That is a shame, that is one of the critical aspects of the job」

Both of them were "smiling daggers" at each other whilst exchanging a superficial conversation.

「Don't worry, I'm not here to fight with you guys. Actually, it's more like I can't interfere」

「You can't?」

「All my subordinates are currently all injured and they aren't of any use to me, moreover, the backer that was providing my organisation with funds has mysteriously disappeared without any reason. The girl's father was screaming and complaining about something or other, but the fact is I don't have any more chess pieces under my control, and there is nothing I can do about that」

「Aren't you giving up way too easily? 」

「Who knows? I could just be playing a trick on you, whilst keeping something up my sleeves」

「……If what you said just now was all just acting, it would be my pleasure to get deceived」

It seemed as though she was also trying to play tricks on his mind, and she was able to construct a believable lie in an instant. In terms of being able to physiologically

manipulate one's opponent, he thought that she was at least one to two times better than him at it.

Although at first…..He was the one trying to befuddle her with his witty conversational skills, it was in fact him who began to get absorbed by her pace.

Taiyou swallows down his regret/frustrations, and straightforwardly asks her one more time.

「Are you really, a human being?」

「I have a name called Junishima」

「Your smile seems so untrustworthy/cheeky, that I don't think I can believe you」

「Fufufu」(*Laughter* in a lady like manner)

「Then, please enlighten me as to why you've come alone?」

「Aren't I allowed to come by myself? Even if I am by myself, you never know……I might be able to defeat you and bring away the girls by myself」

「…….You don't really seem that strong to me」

He once again, took a good look at Sakura. She had killer legs that could probably strangle you to death. Boobs that would burst out of her clothes at any given moment….. And to top it off, her overall style was like a model.

Although it may have been too presumptuous of him to say it, her body looked nothing like a seasoned warrior.

「I could say the same to you, your body does not look as if it could destroy walls」

「Muuu……」

Taiyou was once again at a loss for words. These were words which could also apply to the White Girl. (Note: white girl = shirokiyami) To begin with, the white girl appearance also looked frail and delicate, as if she could be blown away by the wind.

That's why he decided that people could not be judged by their appearance.

In such a case, Sakura having a war potential was not so unrealistic anymore…….Taiyou re took his fighting stance and carefully watched Sakura's movements.

「Oh? Are you finally going to believe in my words? Don't you think you are getting tricked way too easily? 」

「……Even so, there is no disadvantage in taking precautions 」

「That is also reasonable」

For a little while, they were both just staring at each other in silence.

Hera and the three sisters were all watching with suspense as to what would happen next.

「Fufu, Let's leave it at this for today」

Sakura smiled gracefully.

「Because I, am truly weak. I don’t have any individual battle power. If I could do something, it would be to slap someone’s cheeks with a bundle of money」

「What a cheap technique」 (note: Taiyou is referring to her ability to bribe people)

「If it can achieve a desirable outcome and achieve my goals, no matter the methods I believe it is good to use it」

「I also agree with such a statement completely」

「Fufu, Aren’t the two of us unexpectedly quite matching for each other?」

「From the way it is now, It is more likely that we will grow to hate each other」

「Even if that is so, that could also be a lovely/wonderful development」

Whilst saying such things, Sakura had a bewitching smile on her face.

Taiyou suddenly notices that he was already sucked into the conversation led by Sakura once again. She had a way with people that was able to enrapture them with her words.

Although it was a troublesome thing, he did not feel like it was unpleasant to converse with Sakura. In fact, he quite liked the witty conversations he shared with her.

If only they were able to meet under different circumstances…. one where the three sisters weren’t involved, it may have been different between them—- As he was thinking such things.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan!」

Hera begins to panic all of a sudden, and she flew in front of Taiyou. As he was unable to actually respond to Hera with words, He just looked at her with a glance that said “What’s Wrong?”.

「Taiyou-chan you are being aimed at! There, there and there……..Even on the rooftop, there are so many people, with sniper rifles all aimed at you! 」

「—tsu!」

Taiyou’s expression changes, and he immediately looks towards the directions Hera pointed out to him.

「Oh? It seems with the kind of face you are currently showing that you have realised what’s going on. What an interesting person you are—-Although it may be a little late」

「You have snipers!」

「You are most correct/insightful. Then without me explaining…..You understand the position you are in right? 」

「Your actions are way to exaggerated, using such an underhanded move」

「It is you who is unable to see how important this matter is. If we can establish a method in which we can make a woman stay permanently youthful, the amount of money we could obtain is not in the mere hundred millions, it would result in profits exceeding a trillion. Facing such a large sum of money “it is unavoidable” that mere words cannot resolve the issue」

「……..The fact that your argument is so persuasive makes me feel irritated」

「Fufu, Now then, It seems that I have you completely cornered with all the snipers aiming at you, How do you wish to proceed, I wonder? Do you have the power to dodge bullets? 」

「……」

Taiyou was silent, that kind of power……right now he did not possess the ability to get out of his predicament.

Seeing Taiyou not moving a muscle, the three sisters began to talk.

「Taiyou-san, what does she mean by?」

「A sniper….?」

「—tsu! Are you being aimed at?!」

「You girls don't have to worry, none of my men will aim their gun's at you」

Sakura said such things with her usual expression.

「Since meeting you, this may well be the most trustworthy thing you've said」

Taiyou thought, that Sakura was a very wise/clever person, she was the type of person that would be meticulous in their approach to achieving their objectives and it was true that she didn't want the girls to be hurt.

In other words, because she wanted them as "test subjects" the safety of the three sister's bodies were most likely guaranteed.

「I can't say that I dislike your way of thinking, as expected it would seem that we are quite compatible with each other. If you weren't my enemy, it would be enough for me to want to go on a date with you」

「That's one is a complete lie isn't it?」

「Oh? I couldn't get you to believe me this time? Fufu, I guess, I'm reaping what I sow after lying so much」

Whilst giving him a smile she quietly observes Taiyou. Her pupils seem to constrict themselves, as if asking Taiyou "Well, what are you going to do now?".

Taiyou was thinking.

About what he could do to overcome such a pinch/situation. He was desperately searching for a solution……However no matter how hard he thought he could not figure out what to do. He had absolutely no method of dealing with the long range specialists.

In conclusion, there was nothing he could do in the current situation.

He felt despair creeping in and his thoughts started to darken.

Sakura's objective is to kidnap the three sisters. Furthermore, he could not stop her.

That is to say, he either got shot for resisting and the girls would get kidnapped, or he could just stand there and do nothing as the girls get taken away right in front of him.

Those two miserable options were the only ones he could take right now.

Although the things he could do were different, they both would result in the girls being kidnapped. If those were the only two options, he thought that it would be more logical to just suck on his thumbs and obediently hand the girls over…….

(What am I thinking!?)

Taiyou clears his head by shaking it, and he threw away such negative thoughts from his mind.

Seeing such a reaction from Taiyou, Sakura let out a thin smile and raises her hand high above her head. Sakura joined her thumb and the middle finger together, and readied a pose to snap her fingers together.

With that kind of signal, it was obvious that the bullet was about to arrive from the location Hera pointed out as soon as Sakura clicked her fingers.

(What should I do, what can I do?!)

「I will ask you one last time, Won't you kindly hand over the girls to me?」

Though he was asked, Taiyou had his lips sealed shut.

He could not find the answer……He could not answer such a question!

In that moment, the three girls as if trying to protect Taiyou, surrounded him from all sides. Their faces was filled with determination.

「Fall back, you guys don't have to do something like this—-」

The girls did something that was unnecessary for Taiyou. Originally their safety was supposedly guaranteed by Sakura, and he didn't want this to change.

Therefore Taiyou was going to tell them to back off and gently push the girls aside.

However

「Taiyou-chan!」

Hera suddenly calls out towards Taiyou, as if she had discovered something once again.

「You must kiss these girls〜」

What he heard coming out of Hera's mouth was a completely ballistic/absurd proposition.

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「What are you doing just staring into space〜? Quickly you must give them each a kiss〜」

Hera was standing up shouting at him, However, Taiyou had a face which said “Why are you telling me to do such things so suddenly?” whilst glaring at Hera.

This was definitely not the time and place for such things, and they weren’t in a lover’s relationship either.

「Quick-a-ly〜, You must Kiss them〜」

Even after he glared at Hera she did not turn meek, instead she directly looked at Taiyou, and almost as if she had eight eyes like a bug she urged him on.

When it was to this extent he figured that there must be some sort of reason as to why Hera was acting like this.

Telling him to do such strange thing and at this exact moment.

He thought that it could possibly have some meaning to it, therefore he faced the three sisters.

At that moment, all his doubts disappeared and his hesitations were blown away.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

Although it was only for an instant, the three girls met their eyes with Taiyou’s.

The same rhythm, the same wavelength.

The three sisters in that instant were looking towards Taiyou with the same gaze on their face.

It was filled with love/adoration and determination.

The moment Taiyou saw such eyes which had all their condensed feelings in it, Taiyou’s heart skipped a beat.

There are certain things person can only learn if they put in the effort, and at this time, it was one of those things people could just naturally understand when the time came.

The sincere gaze that the three girls looked at him with, he just instinctually knew what it meant in one go.

It was the kind of look that meant that they would sacrifice everything for the person they loved, it was filled with that kind of determination.

That was the true colours of their looks.

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The reason the girls felt so strongly for him was without a doubt due to the influence of this figure. It was most definitely, not because of his own attractiveness or charm.

Even Taiyou could discern something as simple as this and he was not foolish enough to misunderstand.

Even if that was the case, the fact that they were letting Taiyou into their hearts at this juncture was also unmistakable. This was a phenomenon which happened for a fact.

In that case, at least.

I want to repay their sincere feelings and give it my all as well.

Taiyou silently moves his hand and entwines it around Kotone's waist, he pulls her in close and embraces her in his arms.

Kotone didn't expect this to happen at all and her face began to tremble.

Just like that, he gave her a Kiss! (**Illustration: Kiss All Three!**)

「—tsu!」(*surprised*)

At first she was really shocked and opened her eyes wide, however she soon melted into his arms, and she accepted his everything. She wrapped her arms around his back, and she entrusted both her mind and body to Taiyou.

「Koto-chan…..」

「That looks nice….」

Looking at their elder sister making out with Taiyou, they started muttering in an intoxicated tone.

Their feelings came out uncontrollably and became words.

After a good while, their kiss was finally over. The two girls had slightly opened lips, and as if they were going to faint, they released a hot sigh from their lips.

「Thank you, Kotone」

After hearing his voice, Kotone's legs began to waver and as if she lost the strength to stand, she slowly slid down to the ground.

Next was Suzune's turn. He turned to face her and he tenderly held on to her shoulders whilst she was standing on her tiptoes and puckering up her lips.

After a while the kiss ended, and just like her sister, Suzune's legs began to sway and she sat next to Kotone on the floor.

Last of all it was Kazane's turn. Although at first he felt guilty about kissing Kazane because it felt like he was committing a crime, right now, beyond those feelings he truly felt like she was just so precious/dear to him.

Taiyou kneels on one knee, and just as he kissed the other two, he also kissed Kazane in the same way.

Kazane's lips were as expected just as soft as the other two. And her beating heart was also just like the other two.

If he kept on kissing them, or if he could go to the next level and do something above kissing, would the girls behave in the same exact manner?……And would they be able to share the sensations that their body experiences? If they could share such pleasure amongst themselves, the experience was surely wonderful Taiyou thought.

Whilst thinking such things, he reluctantly parted from her lips and Kazane joined her two sisters slumping to the floor.

Now then, With this—

「TE RE RE TE TE TE –♪ Taiyou-chan has Leveled Up〜!」

「What?!」

The atmosphere was lovey dovey and even Sakura was effected by it as she was intently watching the scene between them whilst she gently swallowed the saliva she held in her mouth due to the tension.

That was all blown away when Hera made her usual rhythmical and comical announcement.

It was a completely unexpected development for him, raising his level was the last thing Taiyou expected to happen.

Watching Taiyou level up, Hera had a proud/elated facial expression.

「With this you have reached level 5 desu〜. A – N -D! As a privilege of reaching level 5, you are allowed to learn one new "Skill"〜」

「Did you just say "Skill"?」

「Yes desu〜, depending on the person and their level everyone has different "skills" they can acquire, the current Taiyou-chan has a choice from three unique abilities!〜. From here you are only allowed to you choose one, kay〜」

Similar to the sensation he felt when his status had popped directly into his mind, a string of characters suddenly emerged directly into his brain.

1. Active Skill: Super Armor
2. Passive Skill: Experience Boost
3. Passive Skill: Long distance immunity

As Taiyou is an avid gamer who actually raised many of his characters to the maximum level, the terms stated here were seemingly familiar to him, additionally, he could imagine what the effects of each "skill" was going to give him.

Normally, following his usual path he would have wanted to optimise the amount of experience points he could obtain and he would without a doubt choose "Experience

Boost”. However right now it was completely different.

“Means” to an “end”, he was a man who could clearly distinguish between the two and what he needed right now was a way to get out of the predicament.

「I choose Long range Immunity」

「Yes desu〜」

As she said this, Taiyou’s body began to glow in a flash of white like a camera flash……it settled down shortly after.

「Is it done now?」

He gazed at the palm of his own hands, His exterior looks….no it’s not even about his exterior looks, even the person himself was unable to discern exactly what changed within his own body.

「Yes desu〜, Taiyou-chan has acquired the skill 『Long Distance Immunity』 as his first skill〜, It is one of the strongest skills capable of making assault rifles become useless against you〜」

「I don’t really……Feel anything different about my body though」

Taiyou nodded, and he once again faced towards Sakura.

「I made you wait didn’t I」

「…….What’s with you, where did all this confidence suddenly come out from? 」

Sakura watched him vigilantly. For Sakura who was unable to see what just occurred as Hera is invisible to her, it was natural did she would feel that something was clearly off with Taiyou.

「My confidence gushed forth?…….Well In a certain sense, I guess you could put it that way」

「You aren’t going to tell me, that the more you kiss the stronger you will become right?」

「What if I say that is exactly the case?」

「……」

Sakura took a quick glance at Taiyou, and she deliberately clicked her fingers. (*Pachin*, *Click*)

「…….Oh」

Bullets appeared out of nowhere in particular and flew in Taiyou’s direction, it accurately hit both his hands and both his feet in quick succession. Technically if that hit a normal person, they would be left with holes, bleeding limbs and blood flowing/gushing out like a river.

However, this did not happen to Taiyou. In fact the bullets that hit Taiyou made absolutely no sound, it was as if the bullet was sucked up by some cotton wool and it dropped harmlessly towards the ground.

Long Distance Immunity. Taiyou immediately feels the amount of power this ability gave him, and his mind leapt at the endless possibilities this presented to him.

But, he silently kept such words within his own mouth.

「That was impressive, they were able to accurately hit all four of my limbs. They were aiming for my non-vital parts and trying to disable me as quickly/effectively as possible without actually killing me」

「Yo, youu exactly what are you?……..」

「Who knows? It could be that I'm some sort of cheat character」

Taiyou smiles mischievously as he throws out another bluff to Sakura.

He was able to think things through calmly.

Thanks to the ability "Long Distance Immunity" I am able to eliminate Sakura's trump card which is the Sniper squad and make them completely useless. However, if somebody like that white girl appeared with a Katana to cut me, the situation will turn back to a pinch in one swoop.

After all Long Distance Immunity doesn't suddenly make me great at fighting in close quarters combat.

Therefore by throwing this kind of bluff, it forces Sakura's hand to be revealed.

Taiyou recalls the previous events in which she was able to discern his truths from his lies and beat him at his own game of bluffing.

「Ahh, let me just say one thing. Even if I got hit by a nuclear bomb, I could probably get away unscathed」

He stretched his bluff to the utmost, by proclaiming something which sounded completely ridiculous.

「It's alright now〜 All of them have left desuyo」

Hera had become used to scouting for Taiyou. Hearing her report, Taiyou was finally able to let go off the tension he accumulated.

「Is that so? Thank you, because of you we are saved」

「Ufufu〜」

「However, this time around wasn't leveling up way too easy, all it took was three kisses right? I mean literally it was only three times, you know? If you compare it to the amount of times I had to turn the coin over and over again, which was around 10,000 times, it can't even be a comparison」

「That's not quite true desuyo〜, That was not three kisses, it was three different people that you kissed〜. Well To be honest, the amount of people who reach level 5 in this world is a really low percentage〜. Even if they do reach level 5, they are usually very slow. 90 percent of people usually drop out after reaching level 5 or they return to trying to gain experience by hitting walls〜. Well, they can't really obtain any experience from purely hitting walls so most of them also end up dropping out」

「Ahh…..If you say it like that, it does seem like an incredibly difficult thing to accomplish」

Taiyou smiles wryly, He guessed that means that luck must of been on his side for it to be so easy for him.

「That's right, Taiyou-chan is a really lucky guy desuyo〜」

「I'm not really sure what's going on but, we were able to be of some help to Taiyou-san right? 」

Kotone spoke, and the other two girls also joined the conversation.

「Heyy umm, does this mean that if we kiss you even more, we will become even more useful? 」

「If that's the case let's do it! I want to do it more! 」

「It is a shame, every level a different action must be done in order to accumulate the experience desuyo〜」

「Is that so……tsk」

「It's alright Koto-chan, even if it's not of any use, we can still kiss whenever we want」

「Or more like we must do it! I want to do it more! 」

「……Hang on a minute?!」

Taiyou had just let all the tension in his body dissipate, and half way through the girls conversation he was just absentmindedly staring into space, however, he soon realized that there was something awfully strange going on. He held his hand out and interrupted the girl's conversations.

「What's wrong?〜」

「How are you girls, able to converse normally with Hera?」

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At Taiyou's question, Kotone tilts her head and asks a question in return.

「We aren't allowed to converse normally?」

「Rather than saying you can't, I'm just really surprised is all. Aren't you guys the least bit suspicious or don't you feel this is all really strange? 」

「At first it was a little strange, however」

「Yeah, we saw what happened」

Kotone and Suzune gazed at each other at then nodded as if agreeing upon something.

「After Taiyou-san finished the kiss with Kaza-chan, around that time, her figure suddenly appeared」

「Before that we couldn't see her. Then suddenly the space/airspace cracked. After that we were able to see Hera-chan! Seeing her trying to help you out, we thought……"oh so this is what it's all about"」

Kotone and Suzune starts of the explanation and Kazane finishes off their sentences.

「At first I wasn't able to see Hera-chan, however I was able to feel and understand what Koto-chan and Suzu-chan felt and soon after Hera-chan's name resounded within my head」

「Around the same timing both me and Koto-chan was also able to hear her name within our heads」

「Finally we were convinced of her existence」

「…….Ummm」

Taiyou rubs his temples in contemplation. Their explanations were stopped for the time being.

「So Hera, why is this all happening?」

His thoughts were all getting jumbled and confused, therefore he faced Hera and was hoping she could clarify things out.

「Even for someone like me there are some things that I don't understand desu〜」

「Isn't there a time when I can depend on you! Or more like, isn't there more things you don't know, then things you actually comprehend?! I know it's a little late but, where exactly did you come from and for what reason are you even here, seriously」

「I was born in order to meet you〜」

「You really like those kinds of cheesy lines don't you!」

「Excuse me, Taiyou-san…….」

When they were able to hear what Hera had said, three people from the back called towards Taiyou in a quiet/mellow voice. When he faced them, the three sisters were teary eyed and looked at him with puppy eyes.

The voice of the three sisters confessed……at the same time.

「「「We were also, born just so we could meet with you」」」

After hearing such a confession from the girls Taiyou's heart shook/faltered. Unlike when a certain "silly" fairy confessed in a cheerful manner, the feelings of the three girls was deep with emotion and this was definitely conveyed to Taiyou. The confession was filled with so much passion that, he truly believed/was convinced they meant it when they said they were born for the specific purpose of meeting him.

He was at a loss for words as his heart strings were stirred up. Like never before, his heart was beating/raging like it was going to burst out of his chest.

When his reactions were spotted by Hera who was right next to him, she raised her voice and made an objection.

「Ahh〜 Taiyou-chan you meanie desu〜. Your reactions are completely different to when I said it desu〜」

「S, stop being so fussy」

Taiyou responds in a snappish tone. Taiyou's ears were totally hot, and he thought that for sure his face was burning up and completely red.

As if that wasn't enough, the three sisters seemed to pursue him even more aggressively, and they were currently holding their hands in prayer (like a nun praying pose) whilst looking up towards him. They stood still in that pose without saying anything, however their gazes held a different message.

Since a little while ago, two kinds of emotions arose within Taiyou's heart/mind.

The feelings of embarrassment and a craving desire.

Although both feelings were on an even balance, looking at the girl's passionate gazes, the scales completely tipped to one side.

Taiyou took a deep breath in, and reciprocated their intense gaze, he then gave each of the girls another kiss.

He barely grazed their lips, and the kiss itself did not last more than a second. A parched sound of a breath being inhaled resounded in the night sky.

The girls who were kissed were all enraptured. Whilst Taiyou on the other hand had an

earnest expression on his face as he asked the girls a question in a serious tone.

「Let me ask you guys one thing. You girls, what do you want to do from now on? I understand that you girls like me, and just now, we each shared a kiss. ……..But from now on, what do you wish to do? 」

「Taiyou-chan that's totally unfair, it's boorish/ungentlemanly. In this kind of times, as a man Taiyou-chan should be the one to make the decisions desuyo〜」

Hera tried to butt into their conversation, seeing this Taiyou completely disregarded her existence. Right now, he truly believed that the earnest words he stated was necessary between them.

After he exchanged kisses between them he felt it even more, that he could not sense their existence or read their minds and he was an entirely separate individual from them. Furthermore the hearts of the three sisters were connected by the mind.

Taiyou didn't possess such an ability, therefore he could not discern their intentions without just straightforwardly asking them.

As a result, he wanted to hear it directly from their mouths.

The girls did not have an ounce of hesitation…….they did not need to exchange glances between each other like usual, instead they were able to immediately reply Taiyou's question.

「We want to be together with you」

「All three of us do」

「Forever and ever」

「…….I understand」

Taiyou nodded in affirmation, and he gently closed his eyes. As usual he wasn't able to feel their existence, however, after hearing their words it was satisfactory/sufficient enough for him.

Still having his eyes closed……He had various resolutions made in his mind. And when he opened his eyes, he gave them a bright smile. For some reason the girls seemed to be surprised, but without worrying about such details he spoke to them.

「In that case, I have one last thing that I need to tell you……..It is of the most importance to me」

Hearing such words from him, the girls had a serious look on their faces. Without saying a single word, they expectantly waited for Taiyou's next words.

「Even when we are apart my thoughts will always be with you girls. This I will promise」

「「「Yes!」」」

The three sisters nodded their heads and jumped into Taiyou's arms at the same time.

The three girls often accompanied each other, and even when they were apart they were still connected.

For the girl’s this was a natural part of who they were, knowing this Taiyou thought that it would be good if he could build the same level of trust between them.

It was not from obligation, the actions he took were because he truly・・・・・liked the girls for who they were.

For a while they were embracing each other, until they naturally parted.

It was a sweet atmosphere.

「Then its settled in one go isn’t it, congratulations〜, with this Taiyou-chan will become even more popular from now on desuyo〜」

「Why would it become like that?」

「Let me explain, kay〜?」

Hera closes her eyes and raises her index finger, she talks to Taiyou as if he was a child and she had to make him understand by narrating slowly.

「Rather than a man which no woman wants to hang out with, a guy who is surrounded by women will become more approachable/popular, this is common knowledge desu〜. For someone like you who started out without a single girl to interact with, as soon as they obtain their first girlfriend, they will instantly become popular desuyo〜」

「…….You are referring to the Caligula Effect? 」

「What is that?」

「It’s when somebody is prohibited from doing something, they contrarily want to try it instead」

「『Don’t push that button, definitely do not push it』is what you mean desune〜」

「That’s a completely different context!」

Taiyou decisively repudiates her statement.

「Anyways, the point is, it has a name of its own desune〜. As I thought Taiyou-chan is going to become even more popular from now on, only having one girlfriend is enough to make someone popular, let alone Taiyou-chan, who actually has three girlfriends, he’s going to become crazily popular desu〜」

「No to be honest your logic is way off the mark」

「1+1+1 is equal to 300 nanodesu〜 that’s 10 times more popular desuyo〜」

「Please give me a break already, the more you speak the worst you are starting to sound!」

When Taiyou raised his voice at Hera to retort her ridiculous logic, the three sisters all at once gathered close to his body.

「Taiyou-san if you become more popular will you become more happy?」

「Eh?」

「If you will become happy……We will gladly cooperate with you」

「No no, What exactly are you guys saying here?」

「So tell us what you really think」

He was just staring at the girls who seemed determined to help him become “popular”.

The three eyes he stared at really did seem serious about their proposition. It was the type of eyes that said, if you wished for it, we would even die for you without complaining.

I mean he was glad for their feelings, however, this is not what he intended for them at all.

He looked back at the three girls with a gaze that wouldn’t lose to them in intensity.

「Those kind of things are not something you guys need to think about. Even if you don’t do something like that for me, I will—」

Before being able to finish off his sentence, Suddenly Pechi! Hera slapped him on the head. Although it didn’t hurt him, he was slightly annoyed, at this point in time what could she want anyways.

Although he was glaring at Hera, he noticed that the girls had a look of astonishment on their faces.

「As I thought Taiyou-chan is boorish and a blockhead at that〜」

「Haa? What are you on about? 」

「If you keep on pampering/spoiling them without letting them do anything for you, any woman will become obsolete desuyo〜」

「Well if it’s good woman, they deserve to be spoi—No」

Taiyou shut his own mouth before finishing his sentence.

It was exactly as Hera had said.

Thinking that Hera was right, he cleared his throat and once again began speaking to the three sisters.

「In that case, Please let me become popular」

After he said such things, the girls actually showed him the best smile he’d ever seen plastered on their faces.

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Morning: Taiyou gets up and starts to dress himself in his school uniform, Hera was wearing her usual one piece dark green dress (the same as when she first met him) as she called out to him.

「Taiyou-chan Taiyou-chan, I believe you've forgotten something desuyo〜」

「Did I leave something behind?」

Taiyou looks doubtful as he asks back to Hera whom was buoyantly floating in the air.

「Yes desu〜, you've forgotten about your jacket desuyo〜」

「My jacket? Why do I have to bring such a thing? 」

He tilted his head and stared dubiously at Hera.

The season was currently early within the summer, it's that time of the year where it will get really hot during the day.

Even if you were to examine the current trends of the people with the highest endurance and perseverance in maintaining a professional outlook AKA the Salary man (Businessman) even they were wearing lightly dressed clothing. Taiyou was only wearing a uniform with short sleeves and even then he felt that it was really hot and humid, it was to the point that he thought he didn't even need a jacket.

However, Hera insisted him to bring his jacket and she must have had a reason for it.

It turns out that the reason was very important for Taiyou.

「It's because we will be using it in order to accumulate experience points for the next level desuyo〜」

「Is that so?」

「It is so 〜」

Taiyou nodded, he went into the back of his room, opened his closet and took out the winter clothing jacket that was still in its hanger.

The winter jacket was padded and quite heavy. It was a truly excessive piece of clothing within this time of the season. Not only was it bulky but it was likely to attract the attention of other people in the surroundings if he went out with such a thing, however if

this was what it took for him to level up, Taiyou had no hesitation to endure any kind of hardship.

Taiyou took the jumper with him and finally left his room.

The three sisters were waiting outside the hallway of his apartment complex. The girls had an expression of happiness on their faces mixed in with a tinge of shyness/bashfulness. Taiyou gave them a smile in return, and the four of them departed the apartment and headed together to school.

Well let's not forget about the small floating fairy, so in total there was actually four people plus one.

「Well, will you tell me how I'm supposed to use this jacket in order to accumulate experience points?」

「Yes 〜. First of all you need to put it on desu〜」

「Like this?」

「After you finish wearing it, take it off and drop it on the ground desu〜」

「I'm supposed to intentionally drop it?」

「After you let it fall into the ground, you need to pick it up and wear it again, this action needs to be repeated over and over……」

「I remember seeing this in a kung-Fu movie!」

Taiyou stood still, similar to how the famous person in the movie took of the jacket, he threw his jacket down against the ground.

Taiyou suddenly lost his temper. The three sisters stopped their fluttering footsteps and watched over Taiyou and Hera as they conversed.

「More so than leveling this feels more like some sort of training」

「Taiyou-chan, you don't like to train?」

「Watching the movie was cool and all, but doing this is not really one of my hobbies!」

「Is that so? but, but Taiyou-chan even if this looks like some sort of training, I guarantee that this will also raise your experience points desuyo〜」

「…….Seriously? 」

「seriously serious〜」

「……If that's the case, well I've got no choice but to do it」

「Yes〜, Now this is starting to sound like my usual Taiyou-chan〜」

Hera had a big smile across her face, the four of them finally started walking again and headed towards school. Because it wasn't really something Taiyou could do whilst walking, he grabbed the jacket and held it in his hands for the time being, he would later find a time in which he could do the action without attracting too much attention.

Suddenly, he notices that the three sisters were keeping silent.

When he was about to ask them what was wrong, he turned around and found out that they had a disheartened expression on their faces. “What’s wrong with them?” he tilted his neck in confusion.

「You guys, are you alright? Is there someplace you guys feel unwell? 」

When they heard Taiyou’s question the three girls deliberated with each other using their eyes. The representative that was chosen to talk to Taiyou was the smallest of the three Kazane.

「Taiyou-san……」

「Yeah?」

「Taiyou-san you’re……..Really close with Hera aren’t you? 」

「Well, if you were to ask me whether I hated her more or liked her more…….」

Taiyou glanced at Hera before he made his answer.

「I don’t hate her」

Taiyou couldn’t be more straightforward and just claim that they had a good relationship with each other.

Even though Hera looked like a miniature character, after all she was a female with a girlish personality. It was at the point in his life where he couldn’t admit to having a good relationship with another girl without feeling awkward about it.

In addition, he wasn’t really comfortable with the way this conversation was going so he tried to steer the conversation into a more favourable one for him.

「Is there something wrong with our relationship?」

「Does Hera-chan feel the same way……As Taiyou-san? 」

「Heh?」

He didn’t really understand what they were trying to say, or what they were trying to imply.

That was because of Hera’s miniature size—it made him unable to recognise her as another “female”.

If only she was just like the three sisters in relative size, and if she looked more like a human Taiyou would have definitely been able to understand what the sisters were trying to imply here.

However this was not the case and Taiyou was left absolutely clueless as to what they wanted to ask him.

「「「Is your relationship with Hera just like it is with us?」」」

Even after the three sisters said the question right in front of his face, Taiyou didn’t immediately understand right away.

Before long though, he finally figured out what they were implying when he looked at their expressions.

Taiyou was in a fluster as he panicked.

「no no no, of course it's not anything like that, or more like that development is impossible to occur between me and Hera, right?」

「「「Is that really so?」」」

「Ahh, just think about it, the size of her body is so small, how am I supposed to make any sort of advances towards her」

「Ah〜 You are such a meanie 〜. What you just said was blasphemy to me desuyo〜」

「no please, can you just keep silent, you are just complicating matters even more」

「「「is that really so……..?」」」

The three sisters looked down and was in deep thought.

They weren't totally convinced with what Taiyou said, that was the kind of expression on their faces. However, Taiyou was cautious and he didn't want to really provoke the situation any further as he thought that it might have the opposite effect if he desperately tried to convince them, therefore he stayed silent. Taiyou waited for the conversation to die down.

However, somebody was trying to thwart his plans……he felt like her actions were similar to performing some sort of unnecessary maintenance.

「I completely understand〜 The feeling's you girls have〜」

「what do you mean by, feelings?」

「This is all stemming from the fact that Taiyou-chan is really indecisive and non-committal in the relationship desu〜, if you proceed to the next stage of the relationship these meagre problems will also go away desuyo〜」

「The next stage–」

Taiyou looked doubtful and he inclined his neck in confusion as he stared at both Hera and the three sisters.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane. The girls no longer had expressions of worry, instead they had the face of a maiden who was shy and their cheeks blushed like a cherry blossom.

Putting the pieces together, along with the words "next stage".

Taiyou was able to understand what Hera meant.

In an instant, his face was red as if it caught on fire.

「—-tsu!」

The one being embarrassed was not only him. The two girls Kotone and Suzune covered their own faces and ran towards the school in a dash.

The last girl remaining Kazane was of course also feeling the heat, but she had a determined look on her face as she faced towards Taiyou.

「Anone (the thing is), we share the same feelings」

「Eh? ahh, yeah. You've told me about that previously」

「That's why, I know…….They don't dislike the idea」

Although Kazane was speaking in a roundabout manner, the main point was transmitted to him.

After saying this Kazane immediately took off after her two sisters, whilst staring at the backs of the three sisters Taiyou was just standing there with blank surprise.

His mind just blanked out.

The next stage——he was already at the stage of being their boyfriend, so the step after that must be…..

In other words——the thing you do after you kiss.

He was fantasising about such things. He instinctively imagined the naked figures of the three sisters whom had the same face but different body sizes.

As a healthy high school boy, Taiyou couldn't help but let his delusions run wild and his brain was becoming more pink coloured by the second.

「You have the face of a lolicon preda–tor」

「Uwaa」

Because he was suddenly talked to, he sprung up in surprise. When he turned around he saw the mysterious white girl he met yesterday, she was also staring the back of the three sisters.

「I said that I can sense the presence of a person with the Lolita com…..plex」 (Note: as usual she talks in broken sentences)

「I'm not a Lolicon !」

「But, you had such lecherous eyes, when you looked at those girls」

「Let me just clarify but Kazane is actually my class mate alright?! Furthermore they are actually a little older than me by a little bit, got it?!」

There's a reason why I was so insistent on getting the message across.

When we first entered the school we were given an attendance number by the educational institution, this number actually decided the order of the students by their age. The three sisters had numbers in the single digits whereas Taiyou had a number that was in the double digits. Using that as a basis he was able to predict that they were around two months older than him.

However, the white girl seemed to have completely ignored his words.

「Even if you are a Lolicon, it's alright. If it's…….now, it won't become a big, iss,ue」

「What are you saying! On the contrary if I truly was a Lolicon that's a really big issue, it would get me hated/criticised by the whole world」

「However, if you were really a Lolicon, That would actually help me a lot. That's because I won't be targeted by you」

「Let me just make one thing clear, you actually look like a Loli more so than the other girls!」

Taiyou immediately retorted her words. Her height was around the same as Suzune however, when Taiyou looked at the size of her chest, he deemed her chest to be even smaller than Kazane. (Note: either Shirokiyami has developed abilities to hide her own breasts or Taiyou is blind :P)

When Taiyou pointed such a thing out to her, the white girl became overly surprised and slowly retreated from him.

「Don't retreat silently!」

「Loli–con, Per-vert」

「Don't say such things whilst retreating!」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, I'm way smaller than the others, therefore if you want to… With me, it's fine desuyo〜」

Please for goodness sake, you need to stay silent, he looked at her with that kind of glare. He thought that if this conversation was to proceed any further he definitely would be digging himself into a deeper hole. Therefore he forcefully changed the topic of the conversation.

「More importantly, what are you doing here?」

「I got, fired, from my, job」

「Huh?」

「You, what did you do, to, the girl's father?」

Taiyou nodded in understanding, "so that's what this is about".

Last night's events floated within his mind.

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Taiyou and the white girl was walking side by side.

Although Taiyou was perfectly normal looking as he wore his school uniform on the way to school, the white girl gave a sense of incompatibility as she had long hair that dropped to the back of her knees and more importantly she was actually wearing a goth-loli dress.

The students who walked past them would show expressions of confusion and marvel at the get up she was wearing.

Perhaps the person herself was accustomed to being looked at in such a way, she just continued to talk to Taiyou without worrying about it at all.

「What did you, do?」

「I used my powers of persuasion, just a bit of it」

「persua–sion?」

Taiyou nodded, he grabbed a little stone pebble that was lying on the floor, and he applied pressure and tightly grasped the stone.

The stone shatters into dust and it spills in between his fingers falling to the ground.

「All I did was tie him up, whilst I fixatedly stared at his nether regions, then all I had to do was show him what I could do, just like I just showed you with the stone」

「Is there……A meaning to those act-ions? 」

「Well you are a girl so you probably don't understand」

Taiyou picked up another pebble and this time around, he stared at a passing schoolboy (at his lower body) and he squished the pebble to dust.

「Hiiii!」 *squeal*

The school boy was terrified and he quickly cowered/ran away. He held his hands between his groins and hurriedly ran away to school.

「You may not know this but, to a guy this particular action is considerably effective」

「But, you didn't actually say, anything persuasive」

「Well, don't fret about it too much, as long as it works its fine isn't it? I achieved my

objectives and that’s good enough」

「As long as you achieve your goals, are you the type of person that……Doesn’t care about the methods? 」

「That’s not true」

Taiyou shakes his head.

「On the contrary I place extreme importance in the methods I use…….The best……..I will analyse my options at the time and I will only choose the best and most efficient method to accomplish my goals」

「I under, stand」

For a while the white girl just remained silent.

Taiyou whilst walking side by side with her, gave her a side long glance.

Although her chest was hopelessly small, her looks were unmistakably very beautiful. (Note: again he says her chest is small I may have to fix this later)

Although she looks like she is of pure Japanese origin just from her facial features, due to her outfit she wore, she gave off an ambience of a European girl.

She was like a fairy/elf. Taiyou couldn’t help but to admire her looks.

「Want to have a go at, me?」

「no—-」

Taiyou was blushing, he felt as if the thoughts he just had of admiring her beauty was seen right through by her.

「My Mist-ake」

The white girl clears her throat.

「Wanna……..Fight me, huhh? 」(Note: she’s talking like a yakuza)

「Is that where you’re going with this?!」

「Which one do…..You think suits me better? 」

「Which—」

「So….Wanna come at me? 」

「Why are you switching the way you talk every second? No I don’t want to pick a fight with you, and neither accents are good」

「If you don’t want to, then. Dish out the ca-sh」

「There is no logical connection with what you just said?! Well I understand where you are coming from but! 」

Although Taiyou was shouting out, he actually knew where she was going with this.

After all Taiyou broke her beloved katana sword which was actually worth a whopping 10 million yen in their last fight.

It’s natural that she would chase after him.

Taiyou pondered for a while, however it was impossible・・he definitely couldn’t pay her back, but as at same time he couldn’t just say no to her.

「…….I can’t pay you back right now, if you could please be patient with me that would save me」

「You will re-turn, it?」

As per usual she had her own unique way of pronouncing the words, but it was obvious that the white girl was actually surprised at his willingness to pay her back.

「Aren’t you the one asking me to pay for it?」

「That’s also true……But I didn’t really think you’d actually want to pay me back」

「Wasn’t that one of your favourite swords? You even called it “my child”」

「That is, true」

「In that case I’ve got no choice but to pay you back. Although I’m not sure you will be satisfied by just getting some money as compensation」

Taiyou’s thoughts wandered to the save data files he had in his room on the wooden shelf and he thought about how the white girl called her sword “my child”, most likely the value she had on her sword is similar to how much he valued those save files in the shelf.

「Don’t worry, I still have my other child…….『Reverse-Heaven Reversal』that’s why its fine」

Taiyou was pondering what she meant. He thought that she was possibly referring to her other sword the rumoured national treasure.

That was the correct answer, just as he expected, the white girl pulled out a sword with a plain wooden sheath…….from within her skirt, a place he would never expect someone to keep a sword in.

「Where the heck did that sword just come from?!」

「It comes out from here, this is the basic foundational training a beautiful girl swordsman must go through……It took me 15 years to, master it」

「Isn’t there things in life to invest that is way more important than that?! Do you even need such a skill?!」

「Indispensable. It’s magic so…….It’s perfect for a…….party trick/stunt」

「You’ve even planted a seed in preparation for such a thing?!」

「I want to……..See your seed」

「That is totally irrelevant to the conversation, what exactly are you implying!?」

「The seed……..Of your strength」 (Note: she wants to know the Origin of his strength i.e. Hera, but she’s asking in a really sexual manner

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Chapter 21: What are the triplets trying to tell me?!

Chapter 20: Although it’s an illegal marriage there should be no problem if there’s love right?

Chapter 22: Harem Wild Goose Chase

「Miyagi-san?」

The classmate whom appeared out of the half broken iron door was Miyagi Aoba. There was a peculiar accessory attached to her long pony tail as it swayed about, she walked at a brisk pace towards the three sisters with a sour look on her face.

She came close enough so that the distance could be covered by extending ones hands, she stopped in place and began to speak.

「I will get right to the point, are the rumors about you guys going out with Natsuno-kun, the truth?」

Whilst pressing for details in regards to the situation, Aoba’s stern expression leaves the three sisters slightly shocked. Aoba’s expression was as if she was looking at her mortal enemies, and it made Kotone flinch when she saw such a gaze.

「So what is the verdict? Or is it that you can’t answer me? 」

Aoba continued her intense interrogation. The three sisters exchanged glances with one another and after deliberating amongst themselves, Kotone stepped forward to represent their thoughts.

「That’s right, What has it got to do with you?」

「Are you girls, sane? Isn’t it strange for three girls to be going for one man? 」

「Are you……」

「What?」

「Are you, asking this for our own『Wellbeing as a third party』or is it for you own personal reasons?」

Kotone asked a question in return to Aoba’s sharp questioning. At first the sisters were surprised, but when they detected animosity towards Taiyou, they became defensive.

The scene was like a feud existed between Aoba and the three sisters.

「What do you mean?」

「The meaning is that we want to know the reason as to why you are trying to corner/blame us」

「Do you have good intentions? Or are they filled with malice」

「If you are trying to help us, then we have had more than enough, thank you very much」

Although they were just going to let Kotone do all the talking, Suzune and Kazane couldn't hold it any longer and joined into the conversation.

「What is the meaning of this?」

「We understand your point, you want to tell us that one man should only go out with one woman, and anything beyond that is completely inappropriate. This is your point, right?」

「In this case, let us ask you a question in return 」

「As triplets whom possess the same personality and disposition, if all three of us meet one person whom we fell in love with, what should we do?」

「Uuuu……」

Aoba flinched as she heard them keep talking, and the confidence/vigor she displayed earlier was all but gone.

「That is……Shouldn't you think of something…….and make a decision……」

「We did, we thought it through and made a decision」

「Yeah, We decided that all three of us would go out with him」

「If by some chance we break it off, all three of us will separate with him」

Aoba was at a loss for words, she had a face which said that she didn't expect that the three sisters would answer in such a manner.

Nevertheless that surprised expression only lasted for a fleeting moment, and her face was soon dyed with anger.

「I understand, so you think that I am just a bother right?!」

After leaving such a remark, Aoba departed from the rooftop.

「What is wrong with that person, I wonder?」

「Who knows…….She seems quite different from the person she was before」

「Yeah, I don't think she was out here to give us friendly advice, and more like it was for her own personal benefit/reasons」

「Maybe it's because she was cheated on by someone before?」

「Ahh……..That's probably it」

「You think? Well if that's the case I kind of understand. However, even so if she's using that as an excuse to pressure us I'd rather not hear it」

「Well, still it's better than hearing sales talk from a telemarketer」

Kotone said such things, and the other two nodded their heads saying "yeah, true".

「Is this where you guys where?」

Soon after Aoba had just departed, Taiyou actually showed his appearance in the entrance of the rooftop.

The boy they loved slowly walked towards them.

「Taiyou-san…..Eh? 」

「That is, is there something wrong?」

「Your cheeks, your cheeks!」

At the beginning when they first saw him the three sisters let out a beaming smile, however after looking at his cheeks…….which were really red, they began to panic and ran towards him. The three people gathered to one side and gazed at his cheeks which were faintly swollen.

「Ahh, I met Miyagi-san just a moment ago , but for some reason she gave me a slap on the cheek when I met her.」

「That girl is……..」

「Wait, I will make an objection for you」

「More like she deserves to be slapped back. Twice the amount……no three times the amount」 (Note: these girls are scary (kowaidesuu)

「Guys, wait a moment」

Three sisters were trying to go out of the rooftop entrance in order to chase after Miyagi, but Taiyou calmly detained them.

「You don’t have to do something like that」

「However…….」

「It’s really ok, truly. When she slapped me on the face she seemed like she was crying, moreover she must have her own circumstances for doing something like that, right? 」

「「「No matter her reason for doing such a thing, we can’t accept it!」」」

The sisters all talked in the same exact moment in a loud voice.

Even if Taiyou himself was seemingly unperturbed by getting slapped, the girls could not consent to such an action taken against him and they had a displeased expression on their face.

「It’s fine」

He repeated the same words, with a calm smile whilst watching the girls with a confident gaze. When the three girls looked into his eyes they could not help but to lose their anger as it withered away into nothingness.

For a while, Taiyou and the three sisters just looked into each other’s eyes whilst on the rooftop.

Suddenly, Taiyou opened his mouth to talk.

「Hmm, may I embrace you—」

「「「Yes!」」」

The start of the school bell resounded and was heard from a long distance, an early summer breeze brushed gently over their bodies as they stood on the rooftop.

Around this time students were probably giving it their all to study within the classroom, or they may be a couple of those students who would drift off to sleep in the middle of class.

Taiyou was different, he was squatting on the floor with his back entrusted to the rooftop fence as three girls are embraced closely in his arms. The triplets as if they became a single being…….leapt at the same time into his arms whilst embracing him at the same time.

They were the prominent beautiful triplets, and they were skipping class going to the rooftop and cuddling Taiyou. The fence he was leaning on, as if telling them “enough is enough” was making creaking sounds as they were putting their whole weight on it.

「Hey guys, is my body temperature high?」

Taiyou opens his mouth and asked the three sisters a question.

「Taiyou-san’s body temperature?」

「I think that it is normal」

「Yeah, its normal…..Ah, but」

「But?」

「The warmth is……..A little different」

「Yeah, when you are holding us like this…….It feels really warm」

「Rather its quite hot」

After finishing their sentences, the three sisters all raised their gazes and looked at Taiyou’s face.

Why are you asking us such things? That’s the kind of face they had.

「A little while ago someone said that to me. They said that my body temperature is really high」

The three sisters stared at each other after hearing what Taiyou said.

「Was it a girl who said it?」

「Ahh, how did you know?」

「That’s cause」

Kotone was speaking and the three sisters had a wry smile on their faces.

「Taiyou-san you have the same face as the time when you first met us」

「A face that was kind of troubled and the kind of face that said “what should I do”」

「However at the same time it’s a slightly happy face」

「Uuu…….」

Taiyou finds himself at a loss for words. He didn't really know what to think of it himself, and what the girls told him was quite vague.

However, he was beginning to be convinced.

Although most of the things the white girl said was mysterious, maybe he really did have a high body temperature.

「Do you like this person?」

「No, I mean that is—」

「Please don't put us in the equation」

「Yeah, just think purely using your true feelings, whether you like this person or not」

「That is…..」

Just like the three sisters told him to do, Taiyou began to think about the white girl in his mind.

Her hair which was long enough to reach the back of her knees, looks which were like a pure Japanese girl, white transparent skin. In addition as if she was hiding her beautiful white skin, she wore a black lace dress.

He thought long and hard as to exactly what he thought of her…. however.

「Ah……..」

「What went wrong?」

「I……Haven't got a hold of her name」

Taiyou finally realized such a thing.

After noticing this, he tried to recall in great detail the first time they met and the events which took place.

He was first overwhelmed with her killing intent, then she wanted to stab him, then he broke her sword.

Then he met her again, she demanded payment, and she touched his face.

After piling up the episodes together, he understood that she was not an ordinary person, she was an expert in using the sword and was a little strange in her ways of speaking, when he thought about it again, she never really introduced herself and he never really asked for her name either.

「What have you done…….」

「You don't know the other party's name」

「And even then you were still anxious about her, right?」

「It's the kind of situation where you ride on the same train with her to school but never get the courage to approach her, right?」

The three sisters continued to speculate the situation.

Even though they were currently being held in his arms, the three sisters were seemingly able to talk enjoyably about another woman that he was thinking about.

They were not angry or discouraged, more so than that it would seem like they were having fun whilst discussing such an issue.

It felt like, they were children discussing some sort of school trip for tomorrow.

This made Taiyou perplexed.

「Hey guys, aren't you angry?」

「「「Angry?」」」

「I mean……The fact that I'm thinking about another girl, aren't you guys bothered? 」

To Taiyou's question, the three girls smiled like they were prepared for the question.

How can they laugh in such a carefree manner, this made Taiyou perplexed/confused.

「Umm, You didn't hear our previous exchange with each other so you probably would think like this」

「Koto-chan that's not really correct, even if he heard our conversation, at most he would probably understand half of what we said」

「I guess, since we were mainly communicating using our thoughts」

Hearing the three girls talk amongst themselves, Taiyou became even more confused.

If he didn't hear their conversation he would have no idea, and even if he did listen to what they were saying, he probably couldn't catch the complete meaning. Because he wasn't there when they conversed he was becoming more clueless.

Seeing such a Taiyou, the three sisters slipped out of his arms with a smile on their faces.

「「「It was our, childhood dream to make a harem!」」」

They all talked at the same wavelength, without faltering in the slightest as they declared their ambitions.

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Taiyou was alone in the rooftop, and he was trying to gather experience.

He was holding the jacket that Hera specifically told him to bring before he left the house.

He wore the jacket, took it off, dropped it on the floor and picked it up.

Additionally he put it on, took it off again, subsequently drops it and as expected he picks it up again.

To a person whom didn't really know what the heck was going on, if they saw his actions, they would clearly think he went nuts, he repeated such a tedious action innocently and continuously.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, it's about to be noon desuyo〜」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa. (Sound of clothes rustling)

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, your experience points have exceeded 10% desuyo〜」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa. (Sound of him taking off clothes etc.)

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan The truth is I am a virgin desuyo〜」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa.

「This is a serious issue desu……What should I do so he stops ignoring me desu? 」

Hera seems to be rambling on about something in the background, however none of the contents/specifics of what she said actually got into Taiyou's head.

This is because, his head was currently filled with the conversation he just had with the three sisters.

—-It was part of their childhood dreams, to create a harem.

It was a sentence which truly blew his mind away.

The girls didn't speak as if they were forced to say such things, more like it was as if they

were honestly enjoying the conversation and speaking in high spirits. Although many would say that women have a naturally talent in acting since they were born, the three sisters were by no means performing an act, they were passionately discussing how they could achieve their dreams.

They seriously wanted to create a harem, moreover it was not a reverse harem, it was the kind of harem that was made up of only one man.

If the person saying such things were a guy, that would be fine. Or even if the person that was saying it was an ero elder-sister type character with an eye patch, he could understand it. (Note: **I think it's referring to this eye patch onee-san**)

However, because it was the three sisters who said it, it exceeded the boundaries of his comprehension.

In other words, right now Taiyou was baffled.

「Uwaa, Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, it would seem that there is someone aiming at you with a sniper from a long distance desuyo〜!」

He was able to understand a little of last night's events.

They were identical triples. They are people whom share the same genes, another way to put it is they are like SF clones. (Note: SF = science fiction)

Therefore, if they liked the same person……There would be no other choice but to go out with that person at the same time.

He could understand their logic up to this far.

「You are being shot at! Taiyou-chan someone is shooting you desuyo! They are firing at your head in rapid succession desuyo! Eh, why are you still keeping your cool!?」

But, this was at best the most he could deduce from listening to the three sisters talk.

In Taiyou's heart, he could not understand the reasoning behind the girls wanting to create a harem for him. When he asked them, for an explanation, all the girls did was smile at him without saying anything as they returned to the school building.

And Taiyou whom was left behind to ponder, worried endlessly whilst repeating his tedious work.

「Oh that must be it! Taiyou-chan has the long range immunity skill desu! Even if a nuclear missile was launched at him or even if an Ebola virus was thrown at him, he wouldn't even falter, he has the ultimate skill desu〜. It can't be helped, then I shall do this desu〜! 」

「Haa, truthfully this is what he deserves for ignoring me!」

Suddenly, the lower half of his body……specifically, intense pain ran though his crotch area.

Pain so intense it felt like his internal organs were being hit directly. Taiyou suppresses his hands between his groins and crouched to the ground.

With cold sweat dripping down his face and his eyes tearing up slightly he looked up

towards Hera. There, he saw Hera's face which was elated/proud.

「Y, you……Wha……」

「Finally you noticed me desu〜, Mouu, you can't drift off into space whilst I am talking with you desuyo〜」

「Still…….What are you…….」?

「Taiyou-chan has long range immunity that's why, There was no other choice but to kick you desuyo〜. Also, you aren't allowed to do that, ignoring people whom has been talking with you for a long time〜」

「In order for me to notice……You, couldn't you have just slapped me in the cheeks…..?」

He held his groins, whilst fighting against the intense/acute pain to make a complaint to Hera.

「Next time I shall do that then desu〜」

Hera says this without being shy.

「Please…….Don't forget」

Suddenly, Taiyou notices something rolling in front of his eyes. To him it looked like a pile of crushed metal, Taiyou had never seen such a thing before.

Moreover when he reached out to get it…

「That's a rifle sniper bullet desu, Taiyou-chan was being sniped desuyo〜」

「…….Ha? 」

「Like-I-Said-, you were being sniped desu. Looking at the direction it's coming from, I think it's probably from that building over there? 」

「I was being sniped? In that case why…….」

Taiyou was going to finish his sentence but then he became startled. He remembered that he possessed the skill 「Long Distance Immunity」.

As he was enduring the agonizing pain between his groins, he slowly stood back up and the bullet was taken into his hands.

「Did it hit me?」

「It was a beautiful headshot desu〜」

Listening to Hera's words, he instinctively rubbed his forehead. However, he felt no pain around his head nor was there even a trace/mark of him being shot at.

He was completely and utterly saved by his skill.

Taiyou stood at his full height. In normal circumstances a person who hide and crouch down, however he was able to confirm that no one was approaching the roof top or that any short distance attacks were coming at him, therefore he boldly stood up.

And he stared into the direction where Hera said the bullet came from.

「Is it there?」

In the direction he was looking at there was a particularly tall building. It was a 50 story building called the twin building, it stood at 200 meters tall and was one of the more famous/popular places in town.

Judging from the situation and the direction of the bullet, he deducted that the sniper was likely positioned on top of the building.

And, towards the opponent who shot at him—.

「It was probably……..Junishima Sakura's thugs, right? 」

「Yes〜」

「Are the girls okay?」

「They are fine desu, they are attending class as per usual desuyo〜」

He couldn't really explain the logic behind it but, right after Taiyou shared a kiss with the three sisters, the girls became able to see Hera.

Not only that, even if they were apart, Hera has become able to have a sense/feel if they were to be in any danger. And after hearing that they were safe and sound, Taiyou could calm down his heart for the time being.

「Nevertheless, I know that I've become a hindrance towards their objectives…….But I would have never thought they would be aiming for my life」

「Back then, they were only aiming for your hands and feet desune〜」

「Ahh…….Now then, how should we handle this」

Taiyou was thinking.

Whilst he in the middle of thinking, something seemed to hit his forehead as it dropped harmlessly to the ground.

When he gripped it using his hands, it was the same bullet which was shot at him like a little while ago.

「I understand, With my Long distance immunity, let alone feeling any pain, there isn't even any damage. It totally bends the current laws of physics and erases it……..I wonder if it works the same way against bombs? Or what about radiation emission or flame throwers, will they also be ineffective towards me? 」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, You should do your analysis of your abilities later desuyo〜」

「Ahh, that's true」

Once again, he looked towards the direction of the sniper and stared at the building.

That being said, he didn't really have any brilliant ideas up his sleeves.

The things he had was his physical strength which was able to crush concrete walls like they were tofu, and his strongest defensive skill which could make him immune to any long distance attacks.

If all he had to do was protect himself, then he could bluff his way and scare them off, however if he had to protect the three sisters, and make his opponents give up, this was something he was not yet able to do with his current abilities.

「Hey, If I continue doing this, will I be able to gain a new skill?」

He held the jumper/jacket and asked Hera.

「No you won't desu〜, skills can only be obtained in multiples of five desuyo〜」

「Although it's easy to understand…..But is that how it is? 」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, I have a good idea desu〜」

「…….For now I guess I'll listen to it, what is it? 」

「Slip into their headquarters, Become matchless and KAIMETSU desuyo〜」(Note: KAIMETSU is annihilate/destroy, she's telling him to destroy their base of operations)

「As if I could do that?! If I make a mistake, I could be knocked out in a single punch, and killed right on the spot you know?!」

Even now his groins was still pulsating and he was still in a lot of pain.

Living with the existence known as Hera for these past couple of days, he was able to figure out that her physical strength did not match how small her appearance was. Furthermore, receiving such a blow from her, he was able to feel such an intense amount of pain and this reinforced the belief that his short distance fighting capabilities weren't the best. If he were to take a big risk and try to challenge their headquarters, he could already predict that he would swiftly be surrounded and defeated.

「It's impossible to try and fight them head on, also persuading them is…..」

「The laws of persuasion is ineffective?」

「What you just said has nothing to do with battle you know?! Well, persuading those using words is useless, and I don't really know where their base is located, neither do I have the means to search for such information」

「Eh? If you want to search for their base I have a way desuyo〜? 」

Hera looked vacant and she spoke those words as if it was the most natural thing in the world.

「What do you mean?」

「Yadanaa〜(oh dear), Taiyou-chan it's still 10000 years to 2000 years too early for you to become senile desuyo〜?」

「Please speak in a time range where it actually applies to humans!……No besides that, you said that you have a way? What could it be? 」

「Yes 〜, we can just depend on that child. The black child」

「Muu…..」

Listening to Hera, Taiyou had a doubtful look across his face.

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「This……Must I really do something like this? 」

Taiyou grabbed the 『Contact Details Memo』 of the white girl out of his pocket whilst alternating looks between the piece of paper and Hera. Taiyou had a sour expression on his face.

「Yes〜, If you call out to her as per the instructions written on that piece of paper, no matter when or where she is, that black child will come running towards you」

「Iya, I know she said such things but……..This kind of thing is just….」

「Give up desu〜, Taiyou-chan is the one at fault for leaving his smart phone broken and not getting a new one desu〜」

「uuuuu……..」

Taiyou was at a loss for words, and he understood how powerless he was right now.

He looked towards what was written on the Memo and had to think for a while.

This 『Contact Details Memo』 was currently, his only shot at being able to contact the white girl and depend on her much needed help」

If he wanted to accomplish his objectives this was probably the most efficient way… however there was something he needed to do to get her to come here.

「I guess it can’t be helped…..I’ve got no choice but to do it」

Taiyou steels himself, he remember the contents of the memo and put it away into his pocket.

And then he stood shoulder width apart, and took a deep breath in—-.

「Yo, Yo, Yoyo. Yo, Yo, Yoyo. Your mother has a protruding navel, your father is a pop-eyed goldfish. Heheyy ei ei, Hoho ho〜, Hehei ei, Hoho Ho〜」

As recorded exactly in the memo, Taiyou burst into a dance whilst singing out.

「……」

「……」

Hyuuuuoooooo. (Sound of the wind passing by speechlessly)

An uncharacteristically cold wind passes by the rooftop in this summer season.

「This ain’t working at all is it?!」

Without thinking he switched to talking in a Kansai Dialect.

「how strange desune〜 it didn’t seem like she was telling us a lie desu〜」

「In the first place, will someone really appear just because of saying these things? And what is wrong with this dance? Is she trying to make me summon some sort of evil god? 」

「Evil spirits……Disperse, begon-e」

「Uwaa!」

「Ohh, it’s amazing desu, I didn’t even feel her approach desu〜」

Taiyou was completely caught off guard, Hera who was showing her admiration.

The voice was heard from the other side of the door. He didn’t really know when she arrived but the white girl was already standing on the rooftop high fence.

She was standing on her tiptoes in a narrow footing as the wind blew her long white hair and made it flutter.

This is indeed・・・・an extravagant way to appear。

「—tsu!」

Taiyou turned his eyes away.

The girl was standing above him on the fence. She was wearing a skirt lace dress and a ring garter belt that barely covered her hips, that area between the top of her thighs and her knees was exposed generously.

Because she was standing, Taiyou panicked and averted his eyes as it seemed that he would be able to look at her most interior parts otherwise.

「What’s, wrong?」

「N, no, it’s nothing. More importantly, I didn’t expect you to actually appear」

「Physical Limits」

「Eh?」

「It is because, there is, distance?」

「No, I mean you made me do such a weird summoning ritual, you might as well use a teleportation/warp skill and appear instantly」

「That is, not yet, possible」

「Not yet?!」

「If I train for three hours a day…….For a period of three years…….it’s a possibility」

「Ohh〜, It’s the Brazen Cat Formula desune〜」(Note: Hera actually says the 機械猫方

式 which literally translates to Machine Cat Method. I believe this is a reference to “Doraemon” as the manga was originally conceived by Hiroshi Fujimoto following a series of “three” events feel free to correct me if I’m wrong :D)

In the other direction・・・・・Hera talked as if she could relate to what was just said and was filled with admiration。 Naturally the white girl couldn’t hear what Hera said so she didn’t actually respond back.

Because the small talk seemed to have no end he stopped it there, and Taiyou wanted to get down to business.

「The truth is, my main reason for calling you here is because I have something important to ask of you」

「Wh-at, is it?」

The white girl adorably tilts her head and Taiyou began to explain the gist of the story.

The fact that he had just been sniped a few moments ago, that he suspected it was Junishima’s group who targeted him, and in order for him to do something about it, he wanted to discover their base of operations.

He summed up such things and explained it to the white girl.

「I under-stand」

「And, I thought that you whom, once worked with them would know something?」

「You want me to, betray…..Them? 」

「Uu」

「Even though I may look like this……..I am a pr-o. If I betray someone after taking on a contract……It becomes a trust is-sue」

「……」

Her way of talking was still peculiar, but her eyes were resolute.

Consequently, Taiyou falls silent. He couldn’t really understand how she was actually feeling, however he could understand the reasoning behind her words.

「Is that so, well in that case I won’t insist any longer—」

「However, my contract/request has been, cut」

「Are you serious?!」

It was like he dropped to hell and he saw a spiders thread that could help pull him out of the abyss, he immediately grabbed at it.

「That is, if I receive a new mission」

「In that case I’ll do it, Please lend me your power」

「Is that alright? I am, a really expensive woman, you know? 」

「Please restrain yourself when making such a statement! Wait, what I meant to say is, exactly how expensive……..are we talking about here? 」(Note: Taiyou is complaining to

the double meaning of “Expensive Woman” and tells her to be mindful of her words)

Taiyou was really timid as he asked her this question.

「Hourly wage……..41667……...Yen」

「That’s expensive! Or more like what’s with that incomplete figure?!」

「Daily Wage, is one million yen, that’s why……」 (Note: 41667 x 24 = 1,000,008)

「Is that how is it and is that the standard wage? Or is that actually really cheap? 」

「That is……..It depends on each situation. It’s a really, specialized……line of work. Moreover, the supply is low, so it follows the market theory」

「I understand」

「That’s why, I , overcharged, you」

「You are overcharging me?!」

「I’m exhilarated」

「I can tell!」

Taiyou keeps getting mind blown.

He didn’t really know how to react, her expression was completely blank and he did not know if she was making fun of him or if she was being serious. When speaking to her, Taiyou felt that the conversation always seemed to go in a confusing manner and that the pace was in disarray.

Normally Taiyou is a coolheaded person whom doesn’t easily get affected by others and would be able to respond calmly, however every time he talked with this girl, he would get sucked into her pace and would inevitably raise his voice.

Even now, that is exactly what happened. Taiyou recited in his own mind “calm down, calm down, me”.

「What should we do Taiyou-chan, should we ask for her help desuka?」

The white girl couldn’t see Hera, and Hera was asking for Taiyou’s decision.

Taiyou thought for a little…….However, in reality he didn’t really have any other choices.

Even though right now, the girls haven’t been captured by the “devils hands”.

However, when he thought about the special characteristics the girls had, there was no way that Sakura’s group would ever let them go and he understood that one day, things may go awry if he didn’t solve the problem at its roots.

Therefore, before his opponent’s made a plan and came at him, he thought it would be better to go to them unexpectedly and get rid of them in one fell swoop.

「I beg of you, Please lend me your strength」

The view of the city could be seen from the school rooftop, on the other side of the Meguro River there was a town. It was the town known as Ohashi.

Taiyou slipped out of school, and both he and the white girl were walking on the bridge towards Ohashi.

「And this place we are going is it their base of operations?」

「rather than base…….It's more like a Daimyos Mansion…..」

「Daimyo's Mansion?」

Taiyou was slightly dubious when he heard such an old-fashioned term come out.

「Yeah, It's the Junishima, Feudal Lord Mansion」

「What is that?」

「If I explain……It will take too long. Go look it up on the, internet」

「…….I understand」

Taiyou decided that he would find out more about it once he repaired his smart phone. The fact that the white girl suggested him to do such a thing, must mean that the information is readily available on the net, right?

「So Junishima's group is located at that place?」

「Most likely……In this city, it is their headquarters」

「I see」

「More important, by going there……..What do you plan to accomp-lish? 」

「…….How, strong are you exactly? 」

「That's not fair, you asked a question to my question」

「I want to understand your capabilities as much as possible, for the purpose of realistically implementing my plans」

Hearing Taiyou's words the white girl seemed to be convinced as she murmured "is that so?" she had a thoughtful look on her face.

「My battle power is…….139」

「I don't really understand what that standard means!」

「For somebody garbage……The standard is a, 5」

「So that's the standard?! ——doesn't that mean you are ridiculously strong?!」

「She's not just a lewd grandpa desune〜」 (Note: Hera is referring to the fact that she always unintentionally (or is it intentionally?) makes dirty jokes)

Hera whom was floating buoyantly on the side of the two people made her own remark.

「Your words, how much of it can I trust?」

「If you believe in me……That would help me, a lot」

「So you are asking me to believe in you, well alright. We shall go with the assumption that it's true……Oh yeah, I have one last thing to ask」

Taiyou clapped his hands together. He was on the brink of forgetting something important, luckily he recalled it.

「Please tell me your name」

He had forgotten to ask her many times before, and he finally asked for her name. The girl was surprised for a moment and then she turned her face away.

「I’m not going……To tell you」

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Taiyou was staring blankly.

Until now he hadn’t asked for her name so it couldn’t be helped, however, now that he specifically asked for her name, why was it that she didn’t want to tell him?

「You aren’t going to tell me?」

「A long time ago……Girls. Only told someone their names……during the night of their wedding」

「Ahh, I suppose there was a period in time where a woman’s name wasn’t called out so frivolous/thoughtlessly. Because of that though, there were plenty of famous people whose names did not go down in history」

「Hideyoshi’s wife…….For example? 」

「That’s one of the prime examples. By the way, what do you prefer to call her? 」

「Nene…….-chan」 (TL: **Here is a cute pic of Hideyoshi’s Waifu: Nene**)

「You’re adding a -chan to the end of her name? Well I also prefer Nene, it has a really cute/lovely ring to it after all」

「I am a firm believer of the One name desuyo〜」(TL: Nene was also known as One, Nemoji and Kōdai-in)

Hera tried to join in the tense conversation, but as it stood, the white girl couldn’t see her and Taiyou was ignoring her.

「Well no matter the case, calling your name as “you” all the time is awkward, so if you have something else you would preferred to be called please let me know」

With that being said, the white girl thought for a little while.

「In that case……Call me by, 『Oi』」

「Oi Kora!」(TL: Hey! / Interjection meant to scold or reprove someone, or can also mean “dear”)

「Yes, my darl-ling……?」(TL: Anata can mean “you” or in this case, “dear” (what a wife calls a husband).

「That’s not the meaning I was referring to! I wasn’t calling you “dear”! So are you really

fine with just being called “you”? 」

After this was said, the white girl thought for even longer.

「Yeah……It may have been too rash, of me. Well…….Call me, 『Shirokiyami』

This time she finally answered……It was the kind of name an adolescent person would come up with when they thought they heard something cool. For her whom had this peculiar way of speaking, she was actually able to pronounce this name relatively well.

At least, she seemed accustomed to saying this name, this I could tell.

「Shirokiyami–…….Well I suppose I understand」 (TL: Shirokiyami = the white dark)

Taiyou had a bittersweet smile.

Indeed, she had really pale white skin which didn’t get enough sunlight, contrasted with her jet black lace dress and lacquer black over knee socks. Even the ring garter belt that ties it all together is a black laced colored one.

Shirokiyami, regardless of the fact that she made this name up or not, the name definitely suits how she displays her figure/appearance.

「That is……..My code name. One portion…….of the name is really fam-ous, more so than my real name」

「Having a code name or part of a code name, asking the origins of such a name is quite a scary thing」

Taiyou shrugs his shoulders and lets out a wry smile.

The fact that she lives an abnormal life is something that he can no longer doubt, this he experienced firsthand.

No, from the first moment he met her, it’s safe to say he already knew this fact.

Human beings all have a general atmosphere/feeling about them, from the way they interact with the environment and their natural actions. From the first moment Taiyou had met her she was able to let out an extreme killing intent…….For an instant it could wrap around your whole body and suffocate your existence, it was the kind of thing that a normal human being could not put out.

If words like 「The Underground Community」 or 「The Underworld」 were to come out of her mouth, Taiyou would not be least bit surprised.

「I understand, then from now on that’s what I will refer to you by」

「It will also be fine, if you’d like to call me, Yami-chan」

「I’m afraid god will get angry if I do that so I will pass on that」

「Or you can refer to me as something that sounds similar, to, it」

As she said this, Shirokiyami’s face was blushing pink.

「I’m not going to do it! I ain’t going to call you by Cunni four times in a row」 (TL: クニ I think this is referring to Cun-nil-lingus)

Whilst continuing their incoherent conversations the two people head over to Hirose

Ohashi.

When they first met they were meeting as enemies, however now, such a thing cannot be seen at all when you looked at them. She lacks emotional ups and downs, In addition, her words are usually interposed with jokes so it was really hard to get the real meaning/intent. However this didn't really make Taiyou think less of her.

He was able to keep composed most of the time, however, sometimes the things she said was enough to get his heart throbbing really fast.

Therefore, although the conversations he had with her were usually superficial, and Taiyou would often think that it was ridiculous to the point of absurdity, deep inside/secretly, Taiyou was actually having a lot of fun.

Just like that, they conversed on their way to Hiroshise Ohashi, as they set foot on the upscale residential area in Seikasono Town. They arrived at an area where Taiyou rarely visited, as Shirokiyami was continuing to guide his path.

「We are about to……arrive」

「Is that so?」

At her words, Taiyou suddenly began to feel a little tense/nervous.

「Let me confirm one last time. You really have a power level of 139 and is as strong as the Turtle Grandpa, is this right?」(TL: as previously contributed by Luan (Thanks Luan), the Turtle Grandpa is most definitely referring to Master Roshi from DBZ ahahahha~)

「Approximately……Around, there」

「I understand. Next is about me……」

Taiyou was again, analyzing the information of his own strengths within his own head. The voice of Shirokiyami interrupts him.

「Your……Power level, is unknown. You are much stronger, than you look」

Taiyou just let out a bitter smile, and became silent without answering. The strength he obtained was after all from Hera whom had given him the ability to Level Up in real life. This was a power that exceeded common sense, and most definitely was a power that couldn't be measured just by looking at appearance.

「If purely basing it on looks……..Fighting Power, is 4」

「I'm below garbage?!!」

「……..Fine, I'll give you 5 then」

「Oi, That barely means I am on the same level as garbage! No if you wanna say it like that, you also don't look that strong you know」

「That……Isn't true. If I undress/strip, I'm amazing」

「Exactly what are you referring to as "Amazing"?!」

It was Taiyou's usual retort to her absurd statements, however this time around, unlike previously, she actually look a little depressed.

「I trained it too much……..It's a, body, that doesn't resemble anything woman-ly」

「……It doesn't seem like that to me」

Taiyou said this as a passing comment. To Taiyou, her body was splendidly ・・・・・ womanly.

He did not want to see her depressed expression, and he wanted to cheer her up.

However, the second part of the words did not come out of his mouth. What should he say first, in what way? Taiyou had absolutely no experience in giving compliments to girls and couldn't understand what to do.

Without being able to say anything, they proceeded to their destination in silence. From the back Hera was saying 「Taiyou-chan you are incompetent/good-for-nothing nanodesu〜」, but Taiyou himself, also thought that he was pathetic and he couldn't say anything in return.

「We, arrived」

「By here you mean?…….Oi oi」

Shirokiyami and Taiyou both stopped their footsteps and what Taiyou saw was…….Something which made his eye's pop. It exists from the T junction, the residence that had been surrounded by a high wall security fence that was adjoined from the right to the left respectively that spanned over 100 meters in diameter. From the front a fortress like gate that was huge stood in place, most likely there were camera's set up in place in order to determine whom their guest was before opening the door.

「This is Junishima's Feudal Lord Mansion」

「That such a huge building existed so close to me……I didn't even know it. Since I was a child, I used to come here often to play」

「Normal people won't be able to find this place……As they will be prevent from pass-ing」

「I see」

Well then, Taiyou thought about what he was going to do from here on out.

First of all, he wanted to determine his opponent's location, so he got Shirokiyami to guide him. And now he has finally arrived safely to the location, but truthfully he didn't really have a clue as to what he was going to do after.

Would it really be a good choice to do what Hera said, and just totally annihilate them?

(Well that would after all be the most effective choice, however…)

Taiyou always tries to decide his goals, and then he would go over the options that had the highest chance of making it into a success.

In this scenario he had two main goals, 1. To stop them from trying to snipe/assassinate him, and 2. To stop them from trying to kidnap the three sisters. Only these two things.

If he acted just like Hera has suggested and he tried to wipe them out, will he really be able to achieve his goals?

If he did such a thing, he didn’t really mind the fact that it was a little unreasonable, but if it didn’t really achieve his goals then it would have no meaning in just destroying their base.

「What’s, wrong?」

Shirokiyami was quietly staring at him as she asked.

「Weren’t you going to just, kill, them…….All? 」

「No no, I don’t think I’ve ever mentioned anything like that?」

「If you do, it will be, easier」

「Even If I were to take such an extreme measure, I won’t be killing anyone, at the most, all I will do is defeat them」

「Leaving the root of the problem……..Is, not, good」

「No, no no」

Taiyou had a bitter smile, as expected hearing a phrase as brutal as “Kill everyone” provided too much stimulus for him.

「By the way, I’m just asking but, do you think we can capture the person named Sakura?」

「If it’s dead or alive, possibly」

「Why are you able to say such things so fluently?! —more like you can’t speak like that, we need to capture them alive! 」

「……..Only, if you, give me, a bon-us」

「I’ll pay you just like we agreed!」

Taiyou answered un-hesitantly.

The appearance of Sakura’s figure crossed his mind. Although she was his enemy, he didn’t want to think of her as being dead or alive.

Shirokiyami, pulled out her Japanese sword (the one with the plain wooden sheath) and takes it out from among her lacey skirt, she advanced ahead one step towards the door.

「Hera」

Taiyou talks in a whisper to the fairy whom is flying by his side.

「Yes. What is it desuka〜? 」

「From here on out, The direction I am looking at and my blind spot……..In other words please cover my rear. If you see something approaching me from behind please let me know immediately」

「Roger〜 nanodesu!」

Hera salutes and flew straight behind him.

Physical strength that cannot be imagined just from his external appearance, and the skill 『Long Range immunity』 He thought that was all the weapons he had under his arsenal,

however he realized that he could make use of something else as well.

It was Hera.

Excluding the three Hayakawa sister’s whom kissed Taiyou, there was no other person capable of seeing her appearance right now, and furthermore she was an existence that couldn’t be touched/hurt by others. Taiyou realized that she was also a part of his arsenal to gather info.

If he used her well, then she may well be his wild card (AKA joker).

For now the first task he gave her was to supplement his blind spot and warn him of any dangers.

「They came, out」

Shirokiyami spoke. When he turned to face her, the huge gate opened, and a surge of black clothed men came out from the other side of the residence in quick succession.

From amongst the mass of men, there stood out a peculiar existence like a flower that bloomed in the wilderness.

Junishima Sakura, In accordance with her order’s the enemy gradually approaches.

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Junishima.

It is an isolated/solitary island located on the side of the Sea of Japan. If compared to the two major Islands of Okinawa and Sado, it is ranked third in terms of how wide/large it is.

On the one side, Junishima Island was quite a famous place for being a “village” that actually had a population of one million people.

From a geographic point of view, since it has been recorded in history, the period where Junishima Island escaped the influence of the Japanese Imperial Court is rare, similarly the period in which the island was put under the complete rule of the Court is also rare. Whilst they were submitting their self to the Japanese Imperial Court, at the same time, they were also building their original political power, this is the place known as Junishima Island.

Even now the Junishima Clan rules over the island, and various original laws have been enacted, it was a region with a certain kind of extraterritorial rights.

Amongst the many possessions that the Junishima Clan has within the mainland, the Junishima Feudal Lord Mansion located in Seikasono Town is one where several men from the clan had gathered.

Even there reception hall spanned over 30 meters squared. When entering there would be four men and four women standing in wait for guests. Three people would be kneeling on the side in a straight line waiting to fix the collars of those who entered, and there was a person sitting on the head seat which was on the other side of a bamboo blind.

Although the figure can’t clearly be distinguished due to being behind the bamboo blind, the silhouette is like a woman.

Her name is Junishima Youran, A very important person within the Junishima clan, she is a woman whom is going to become their next clan head for the next term.

Next to her, a man with glasses and who looked sharp and intellectual was sitting on her left, his name was Junishima Kaizen, and he started to make an announcement.

「I will go over the Teresa plan right now. If we take into account the reality of Naburu Minaogawa and the transmigration of Meme Onagawa, the plan should be able to proceed accordingly. Therefore, we will now be advancing to plan the next stage and the extra

budget—」

「Kaizen」

Interrupting his word, is a woman of middle age who sits in the center. Her looks to be around fifty and it is being concealed due to the application of heavy makeup…… However, due to the excessiveness of the makeup, it actually accentuated her aging and is counterproductive.

She…….is Junishima Tsubaki, one of the pillars of the Junishima clan with heavy influence/authority in the clan matters.

Although they were both influential, the difference between the older woman (Tsubaki) and the younger one (Kaizen) in terms of authority is as big as the heaven and the earth.

「Tsubaki-sama……」(Kaizen speaking)

「You are only permitted to attend this meeting in order report the findings, was I mistaken? 」

A rotten voice that sticked to you like a gooey substance resounded from the old woman, Kaizen immediately endured the feeling of nausea with a jerk as he lowered his head and bowed deeply.

「It is just like you said」

「In that case, I would like you to refrain from any action that is unexpected ever again, is that clear?」 (Tsubaki is referring to how Kaizen was about to talk about his next plan, instead of ending the report)

「……..Yes」

「Was that the end of the report?」

「……..It was the end」

「Then, the next person is Sakura. The Blood Soul plan I have entrusted you with, how is that proceeding? 」

「Yes」

The woman who sat on the opposite side, of the one who just objected. She had a Chignon hairstyle and a tight skirt suit, and a voluptuous pair of knockers/boobies, she was Junishima Sakura.

There is a ranking in each of the working class amongst the clan, and different to the older woman, Sakura was in a position that was destined to be hopeless.

Youran was the child of the legitimate present Clan Head, whereas Sakura was only a child born from a mistress…….She was an illegitimate child.

In the long history of the Junishima Clan an illegitimate child and or the concubine’s child has never rose to power or obtained any power. In other words, no matter how good her accomplishments become or how she tries to raise up in rankings, within her whole life, she is destined to only serve the Junishima family and will be blocked from ever ascending to a position of importance.

Sakura answered Tsubaki's question with a sour expression as if she was an insect that was about to be crushed.

「We are currently approaching the plan from two different directions. The first is as usual making use of the eternally little as an experimental body, this particular project is going as planned」

「Is that so? And, what of the other plan? 」

「It is scheduled that we will be securing the three specimens as material in the next few days. We will then be proceeding with the experiment afterwards—」

「According to my desires」

Although Sakura wasn't even finished with her explanation, it was already being disregarded.

「Are the other specimens really necessary to experiment on? Isn't it fine even if we just proceeded as usual and experiment with the eternally little specimen? You said that, the plan proceeding as scheduled, isn't that right? 」

「That is…….Yes」

「In that case, don't worry about the unnecessary things. Besides the other party is just a bunch of "old housemaids", they are replaceable existences, no matter how many die as a result of the experiments we can just replace them easily. There is no need to spare any resources」

「……」

Sakura, becomes silent and doesn't answer. She wanted to say something back, but she was unable to do so, instead she dug her finger nails into the tatami mat and endured.

「What is the reason on your persistence with finding another method? Just say it, speak your mind」

Tsubaki said this whilst she was snuffing out in contempt and looking at Sakura in a deplorable way.

「You, if you don't get your act together, you won't be able to live up to ・・・ the expectations of the new moon-sama, this is a very shameful thing—-」(Tsubaki speaking)

「Tsubaki-sama」

This time Kaizen was the one interrupting Tsubaki.

「What is it?」

「With all due respect. How is it that you would be able to know the idea's/thoughts, of a being as important as New Moon-sama」 (TL: 新月様 not sure what this is…..)

Kaizen said this as he stared at Tsubaki. Tsubaki gave him a peculiar glance of a stringy middle-aged woman, and returned a disgusting smile whilst scowling back at Kaizen.

If someone could visualize it, the two people would have fireworks spitting out of their eyes as they glared at each other in contempt. Amongst the clan members these two people had a really bad relationship like: cats and dogs. Kaizen has ambitions in rising

through the ranks one day and will one day attempt to overtake Tsubaki's position.

The two people remained in that position for a little white, but before long, perhaps Tsubaki lost her patience and she broke eye contact.

「I suppose, someone of my caliber would be unable to represent such an honored being. However, Sakura」 (Tsubaki Speaking)

Whilst continuing to glare at Kaizen, Tsubaki spoke to Sakura.

「Unable to accomplish the simple task you were assigned, is after all going to be a deplorable thing isn't it?」

「…….Yes, I understand」

「Yes. Well I won't ask exactly what it is that you understand. That's because, I'm sure you understand・・・・・the consequences of failure」

Tsubaki said this with a stiff expression.

Afterwards, the reports were finished and the meeting was adjourned.

Sakura whom was leaving the reception hall, boiled up in anger and blushed like an octopus. Without needing to say, this is because of Tsubaki's constant threats that were thrown at her.

「That……..Old Bitch! 」

The amount of people who hated the existence known as Tsubaki was plenty abound within the clan, Sakura was also one of those people. It was true that Sakura was also involved in a power struggle, however it was a fact that she also purely disliked this woman named Tsubaki.

「However……The words the hag said also had some truth to it. Starting a new project yet being unable to put out any results is….」

As she was thinking such things, the figure of the three sisters and the figure of the young boy who protected them floated in her mind.

The only reason the plan was not going as she planned was solely because of the young boy obstructing her. If she was able to somehow get him out of the way, the results would be favorable immediately.

First I must think of a way to deal with him……..As Sakura was thinking about these things, a young man's voice could be heard calling her from the back.

「Sakura-sama, I have a report to make」

When she turned around, a young man whom was her subordinate was standing there. Sakura immediately rebuild her state of mind, and listened to the report of her subordinate.

「…….What is it? 」

「The man in question, Natsuno Taiyou is coming towards us」

「He is?」

Her calm expression wavered just a little bit. The young boy she was just thinking about,

the one that put her in this difficult situation. By no means did she ever expect/imagine the fact that he would of his own accord come towards her domain.

「What has he come here for?」

「I don't know, he is still just outside out front gate」

「……At any rate, we must drive him away」

「Ummm…….That is」

The man was reticent, as if he still had something to say, it made Sakura frown and pucker up her eyebrows.

「What's wrong?」

「That is……There is a particular image that we captured from our camera's….」

The man had eyes filled with fear.

「『Shirokiyami』she is also with him」

「—tsu!!」(Surprise)

The moment that name was mentioned, Sakura's face started to clearly shake/tremble.

Sakura came out of the mansion, and the image she presented was the same appearance she had previously when she first met Taiyou. It was a perceptive gaze that could send shivers up your spine. A tight suit skirt that depicted a capable woman that brought out an atmosphere of professionalism.

To her appearance, there was a certain kind of anticipation for Taiyou.

Without knowing what Taiyou's real intentions were, Sakura approached Taiyou to a distance where her voice could reach him, she also brought along her underlings in black with her.

「Natsuno Taiyou」

「Junishima Sakura」

「I shall ask you without holding back, you, what have you come here for?」

「There is something I must request. No, it would be good if this could all be settled with a mere request」

「Yes, so what kind of thing are you suggesting?」

Unlike when he first met Sakura, she spared no time to talk in pleasantries and immediately asked for Taiyou's intentions. Taiyou was feeling a sense of incompatibility and a disappointed feeling but he directly answered her question nonetheless.

「I want you to stop targeting the three sisters completely」

「I refuse, is that all you have come here to say?」

「……..Ahh」

Taiyou nods. Was Sakura's true personality really this cold? The feeling of incompatibility within Taiyou grew more and more. Without even giving it a single thought and without

hesitation, Sakura was succinctly giving him a straight answer. He started to wonder if something changed, or if this was her true personality.

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The amount of times in which Taiyou had met Sakura was so little that it could be counted with his five fingers, furthermore the duration of time in which they spent together is to the extent of putting some hot water into a Cup Ramen and waiting for it to fully cook. He had not really known her for a very long time, however Taiyou felt that he had a connection with her to a certain degree.

She was not this kind of blunt/snappish woman, at the very least, she was usually a lot more composed/calm.

That was the reason he was looking forward to conversing with her, however, she was like a completely different person, it couldn't be helped that he held a bit of doubt and disappointment.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan〜」

Seeing the hesitation in Taiyou's eyes, Hera gently whispers quietly into his ears.

「It's not the time to be thinking such things desuyo〜. First of all we need to solve the problem with the girl's 〜」

「……I suppose so」

Taiyou rearranged his thoughts and mutters in a whisper that could barely be heard. After that he one again faced Sakura's direction, and continues to point out his demands.

「I'll ask one more time, the girls…….The Hayakawa triplets, I want you to stop pursuing them as some kind of research object」

「I refuse」

She flatly and straight forwardly declined.

「Then allow me rephrase my question, Who should I talk to……No, who has the authority to negate the decision? Who is the person in charge? 」

「It is I」

「……In that case, what is it that I have to do to convince you? 」

「……」

Sakura was silent and did not answer. Taiyou couldn't really say for sure if what she said

was the truth, but, he understood that she was the one in charge of the operations.

「Shirokiyami」

「I understand」

When Taiyou calls out her name, she advances a step towards them, and she takes her fighting stance with the sword she pulled out of her skirt.

The sword is sheathed and put back into its scabbard, her body is inclined forward and she takes on a position that Taiyou has seen previously.

It was the Iai technique, this was the word that came into his head as he saw her stance.

「I never expected, that you would become our enemy」

「I am…….A pro, as long as someone, pays」

「It's my mistake to have discontinued the contract, however」

As she said this, (Click), she clicked her fingers together.

When she did, as if acting to her click, the black clothed men around her all took out their weapons one after another.

Just like that, it would seem that various firearms were pointed at us.

Rifles, Guns, Sub-machine-guns, Shot guns, Military Assault Rifles, Large scale machine guns (fixed type), even a rocket launcher was taken out.

「Aren't you exaggerating the situation a little?!」

Taiyou let out a vigorous retort that made his voice crack, however, Sakura had a blank expression on her face.

「『Shirokiyami』is our opponent……..Shoot」

Almost without any warning whatsoever, Sakura issued orders to begin shooting.

Taiyou was surprised.

However, in the next instant, his body moved by spinal reflex and it bypassed his brain. He gripped the slender arms of Shirokiyami, and threw her away backwards.

Although she was petite, she was a full-fledged 16 year old, 140 centimeters tall woman. Even if the weight was not something excessively huge, it was a decent weight of a person.

And Taiyou was able to easily fling her away.

Shirokiyami, was fluttering about in the middle of the air, and she had an astonished/amazed expression.

In the next instant the earth shook.

Guns, rifles, short machine guns, rocket launchers, shot guns, assault rifles and Gatling guns…

Various firearms were all fired simultaneously towards Taiyou, and total destruction ensued.

It was the kind of barrage that could only be seen as overkill if it was to be used on one man, if it was any normal living thing, the thermal power and destructive power of such a barrage would definitely cause a person to be grinded to dust without an exception.

However, there was an exception.

As the volley of attacks is stopped, the smoke/dust begins to clear away gradually. The ground which was relentlessly bombarded should have been gouged out——however in the center of the explosion, Taiyou was still standing there alive and well.

Not to mention his body, even his hair and clothes were completely unharmed.

Looking at such a spectacle, Sakura and her gang of black clothed men could only stare in fright/astonishment.

「Y, you….What is happening? 」

「I've said this before but, if you want to defeat me then you better be prepared throw a nuclear bomb」

「Tha, that can't be…..」

Looking at such a ridiculous spectacle Sakura was at a loss for words. The people who actually fired the shots (black clothed men) showed a different reaction. Originally the firearms they held within their hands, gave them an absolute sense of power and security. The moment that such an absolute existence is denied, what grasped into their hearts was instead the feeling of fear.

「F, fire!!」

「Uwaaaaaaaaa!」

「You monster!」

They lost their senses due to the fear/panic and they let out a second volley of attacks almost instantly.

Just like the first time, they aimed at Taiyou's general location accurately……however, the fact that it was completely useless against Taiyou was once again clarified.

When the smoke clears up, Taiyou was as per usual flawlessly unharmed. In order to produce an even more overwhelming sense of futility, Taiyou squatted down in that location.

This was very effective, an absolute sense of despair sunk into the black clothed man and seeing the calm appearance of Taiyou, the men began to run away and disperse like a spider's children.

Most of them ran away but, there was a couple who remained to stay.

Their expression were still ruled by fear, however they held it down, and they stepped in front of Sakura as if trying to protect her. (**Illustration: Come At Me!)**

Though the majority of them still held up their firearms, about two people threw away their guns and pulled out a knife/dagger.

Taiyou hesitated.

His only skill was “Long range immunity” that was it. In other words, if it was just bullets or even cannonballs being shot at him he could remain completely calm, however if the opponent was holding a sharp blade, this logic no longer applied to him.

In addition, if you were to exclude his only ability so far, he was in fact just a normal high school student. The possibility of him winning against the men whom held weapons……..there is no guarantee that he will be able to defeat them without getting stabbed.

What should I do…..Just as he was thinking this?

「Ah…….」

Taiyou was able to perceive something from the corner of his view.

Far away from Sakura’s location above the skies, something bright and white was floating in the sky like a harvest moon. It was like the rabbit that lived in the moon, a white shadow. (TL: The Moon rabbit in folklore and it is a rabbit that lives on the moon. Based on pareidolia that identifies the markings of the Moon as a rabbit)

「Shirokiyami」

Her name slipped out of his mouth. Before he was aware, the white girl explosively leaped from the back, and like an angel she swooped down gracefully.

「Free Style 『Reverse-Heaven Wandering Bird』passes by」(TL:「自在流、『逆天の流離るり』、まかる通る」if anyone can help me get a better meaning, that would be awesome. 逆天 can also mean “Against the Gods” just like the title of my favorite novel, maybe “God-Slaying” can be used as well)

Unlike the way she would normally pronounce her words, the name of the technique she called out was awe-inspiring.

Shirokiyami flew right into the midst of the enemy’s camp and began to cut down everything in her sight with the national treasure 『Reverse-Heaven』 (Against the Gods: name of her sword). In the blink of an eye the remaining men clothed in black were all cut down by her sword.

The event doesn’t even pass a minute, Taiyou could not even comprehend what she was doing as it all occurred so fast. The only things displayed to him was a glint/flash of moonlight that shone in his eyes, and the black clothed men who fall noisily to the ground one after another in less than a breaths interval.

The type of technique she used? He had absolutely no clue.

「With this, it should cover……..My wag-es」

Shirokiyami points her sword at the scruff of Sakura’s neck, and looked at Taiyou in her usual expression.

It was an expression that asked him, “is this good enough?”

「……You, are amazing」

「I’m……A pro after, all. I will work, for my sala-ry」

「Is, is that so? Come to think of it, the thing that was said before—-」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan〜」

He was about to ask Shirokiyami a question, but Hera suddenly whispered in his ear.

Taiyou was about to be derailed from the objective and Hera was trying to remind him of what was important, he “thanked” Hera with his gaze and he strengthened his resolve as he faced towards Sakura, who had a sword on the scruff of her neck.

「With this it has been decided, right? Now, please promise to withdraw taking any action against the girls」

「Even if you do this kind of thing, it will not have any meaning」

Sakura didn’t answer with a 「yes」 or a「no」.

「What are you talking about? Weren’t you the one in charge of the operations? 」

「Yes, I am the person in charge. 『Site/location』, Although I am only in charge of the dirty work」

「What do you mean?」

「If you say it in a single phrase, I am a replaceable existence, above all the plan which has been set in motion cannot be stopped even if I were to die, that’s the kind of meaning it has 」

「In other words–」

「Ahh〜, does she mean that she is a chief clerk?」

Hera instinctively let out a few words in his ear. He didn’t really grasp the meaning behind her words when she said that she only had authority at the site/location, however when she mentioned that she was only a chief clerk, he understood immediately.

The fact that someone of a clerk status could not really effect the decisions of a company, is something that even Taiyou. Who was a high school student could easily imagine.

This was Taiyou’s blunder, he was seeing things only in the way that he wanted to.

He gave the person known as Junishima Sakura a high evaluation of his own accord, and (Taiyou thought) that amongst her own organization, she would be quite important in terms of her position, being able to hand down orders and such.

This was totally unrelated to how it actually was. Taiyou was at a loss for words, and he was confused as to what actions he should take from now.

Even if he could fling a girl the same age as him tens of meters away, or even if he could withstand a bombardment of heavy firearms, after all in the end he was just a high school student.

The ability to make informed decisions and more importantly his experience were overwhelmingly insufficient.

Therefore, he could not think of a method to break down the problem into manageable pieces. Even the mind that was supposed to be more calm the more he is in a pinch, did

not work as he would have liked it to.

In the midst of his despair, Shirokiyami, fired out a few striking words.

「I have…..A method」

「What is it?!」

Taiyou grabbed at her words of hope, it was as if he was stuck in hell and there was a single strand of spider silk dangling in the air that could pull him back to safety.

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Both Taiyou and Shirokiyami was running back from the road they came from.

Taiyou carried the fainted Sakura on his shoulder as he dashed away.

He was literally kidnapping her in broad daylight. Although they were fleeing from the scene with Sakura in tow, there were absolutely no pursuers, this is because Shirokiyami made sure to get rid of any loose ends.

Whilst they were running away, Taiyou glances at Sakura and asks Shirokiyami a question.

「So, what is this plan that you were talking about earlier? Is there a relationship as to why we need to kidnap her? 」

「Yeah……..It's so we can make it, public」

「Making it public? What are you talking about, how are we supposed to do that? 」

「What these people……Are doing, is human experimentation. Even now, they are in the middle…..of conducting experiments」

「That's true! The girls known as the "Eternally little"! 」

At first Taiyou couldn't understand what she was implying, but after the word "experimentation" came out he suddenly remembered the fact that they were experimenting on a group of people called the Eternally Little.

As if he guessed correctly, Shirokiyami merely nodded quietly.

「Is that so…..I guess we can use this. Though I have been completely sucked into the pace of these people, in actual fact no matter how ideal or desirable being able to create a serum that would make you eternally young is, it is still illegal to do human experimentation, especially if it is leaked out to the public. No matter how much people are bribed in this world, there will also be those that will strongly oppose such a violation of human rights」

「That, is exactly, it」

Taiyou hit himself in the head and thought, "how come I didn't think of such a simple fact?"

Up until now, all he thought about was the three sisters. The idea's he came up with always revolved around the girls.

Though the three people were consistently exposed to dangers, he wasn't able to come out with a concrete way to protect them. In a word, he was just attempting to fix the problem without cutting it at its roots.

Even if it crossed his mind that he could call on the police force to take them into protective custody, it never crossed his mind that he could use the public's opinion to potentially resolve the issue.

The fact that they were already in the process of experimentation, changes everything.

Whilst running at a speed that a normal human being probably couldn't achieve…… Taiyou glimpsed at the face of the unconscious Sakura who was on his shoulder.

When he first met her, Sakura wanted him to "Cooperate" with her for the Eternally Little project. Although he didn't really understand the implications of the words at that time, it was a critically factor which indicated she was already experimenting on humans.

「"The poor girls, who……Are vulnerable and weak". Or maybe another title for the newspapers could be, "The Company behind the scenes of…." Or maybe "the young girls who have been abused and taken advantage of"? 」

「Although I don't really understand what they really do to the bodies of these girls……I can still imagine the horrific acts they may have done」

「Yes」

「In that case, all we need to do is to get the information out of Sakura」

「Yeah, we bring her…….Torture, the info, out…..of her」

「Torture….?」

Taiyou frowns.

「Her body, or…..Her mind……or her woman's dignity……If we break one of those things–」

「Uuu…….」

Taiyou suddenly braked his gears, Shirokiyami also stops running a little bit behind him, and he looks behind to face her.

「Is that…..Really effective? 」

Taiyou puckers up his eyebrows and asks Shirokiyami.

「If it's done in the right way……It's extremely, effective」

「……」

Hearing this Taiyou knit his eyebrows more and more.

His goal and the means to obtain it, he was considering which one should take precedence/priority.

For Taiyou, he has always considered the means to be of high value. In other words, up

until now, in order to achieve his goals, he would not use despicable means to achieve them.

Thus, the word torture caused him to become restless.

Her body, mind or her woman's dignity.

What Shirokiyami wanted him to destroy/break, was too overwhelming for a 16 year old boy like him.

He couldn't decide which of the three actions he preferred. Taiyou quietly looks at Sakura.

「Isn't there any other methods?」

「There is」

「！」

Suddenly a voice came from the front. Taiyou turned back towards the front whilst still carrying Sakura on his shoulders, and stared in the direction of the voice.

Before her noticed it he already arrived at the intersection of where the entrance to Ohashi Town was. There was a girl standing there with one hand on her waist.

Her height seemed to be around 150 centimeters? A hair that was long and not inferior in length to Shirokiyami's hair. And she had her hair tied to the left and right of her head, in other words it was the hair style known as the twin tail. Her eyes were really big and bright, and she gave Taiyou the feeling that she was overflowing with youthful energy.
(**Illustration: Yurikago**)

She puts down her hand from her side, and slowly faces Taiyou.

Taiyou becomes a little cautious and takes a step backwards.

「Ah- don't worry, it's alright, you don't have to be scared. I'm not someone who is suspicious」

Whilst walking casually towards Taiyou, her twin tail shakes to and fro.

「She does not have……Knowledge of military arts」

Shirokiyami talked in a quiet voice so that only Taiyou could hear.

「There is no enemy's in the surrounding desuyo〜」

Hera who just finished scouting the area confirms the area is clear.

It wasn't like he was completely convinced that she wasn't an enemy just from that. However, Taiyou did loosen up a little after hearing such information from the two people.

「Then, who are you exactly?」

「Before you ask for someone's name, it is polite to introduce yourself first you know? Natsuno Taiyou-kun」

「There's no point telling you my name if you already know it!」

「tsk, tsk, tsk」

The girl shakes her finger and stuck her tongue out.

「The politeness to introduce oneself has no connection with the fact that I already know your name right? What I'm talking about is your manners/etiquette. Introduce yourself」

The last word that came out of her mouth held a lot of pride in it. Although he was puzzled Taiyou decided to introduce himself.

「….. I am Natsuno Taiyou」

「Yeah, well said. I am……let's see, you can call me 『Yurikago』」 (TL; Yurikago also means Cradle)

「Yurikago?」

Taiyou mutters as he glimpsed at Shirokiyami.

For a second there Taiyou started to think that names which were fancy were becoming the norm around here, however when he thought back to how Shirokiyami was also a codename, he kind of understood that Yurikago was something akin to a code name.

「If you want to shorten my name, you may call me by 『Yuri』」

「…….uu」

When the name Yurikago was mentioned, for some reason Shirokiyami reacted.

When he glimpse at her, interestingly enough, she had a normal expression on her usually blank face, and a sulky expression could be seen.

What is going on? He wondered…..But, he didn't really have time to think about this in detail. The person known as Yurikago continued to talk.

「Well, I suppose you can call me whatever you like. The main issue for you is finding out why I have come here, and why I wanted to meet with you」

「You…..Out of the girls I've come across so far you are quite eccentric」

「Even if you try to hit on me, its NG, or more like its futile. That's because I don't like the type of guy you are」 (TL: NG = No good)

Seeing how frank/candidly she was speaking out her emotions, Taiyou thought to himself "Yeah she really is unusual".

For some time now, all of the women around him were the type to talk about extra details and be really long winded in their conversations. If he was to talk to them, the main topic would soon be forgotten/derailed, and it was really difficult to control the direction of the conversation.

This was the fact for Hera, the three sisters, Shirokiyami and even the girl on his shoulder. All of them would talk in their own pace, and in a sense, they didn't really listen to what other people were trying to say.

In this kind of sense, Yurikago's frank way of speaking was refreshing for Taiyou.

「I understand. Then let me ask…..What is your objective for coming here?」

「I wanted to teach you about the thing known as 『Blood Soul』」

「Blood Soul?」

「Ara? (Oh), you haven't heard of this name before? It is the project that you are trying to crush right now」

「—!」

「You don't have to be so alarmed all the time, it's a really bad habit you know? Moreover, how can we advance our conversation if you're like this? 」

「……」

「Well, if you want to act like that I suppose it's fine, in that case, I will continue the conversation from this distance. Ahh that's right, before we proceed with the conversation there is two things that I have to do first」

「Something that you need to do?」

「Yeah, The first thing is…..this」

As she said this Yurikago, fumbled about and pulled something out, and she presented this to Taiyou.

「What is this?」

「Blindfold, Earplugs and a mouth gag. Please put it on that woman」

Yurikago placed her glance on Sakura as she directed Taiyou.

「Put this on Sakura…..? Why? 」

「If she was to find out about my existence, it will be troublesome later. For this particular matter, we are mutual enemies. Moreover, if she was able to hear the plans I am about to tell you, then she may be able to formulate a variety of counter-measures later, is that alright with you? 」

「……I understand」

Taiyou nods. Her reasoning is logical, she doesn't want to reveal herself to her enemy and she also doesn't want to disclose any details which could be used against her. There doesn't seem to be any problems in listening to her.

「Alright, go on, make it quick. If you don't do this, we can't proceed to the next thing」

「The next?」

「Didn't I just tell you that I had a second thing that I have to do? Hora hora (Look look), quickly, move it」

Yurikago urges Taiyou to hurry. As he expected, she was really different form all the women he had met so far.

He endures letting out a wry smile, he slowly placed Sakura on the ground and started to get to work by applying the things he got from Yurikago.

He blindfolded her eyes, her mouth is bound and her ears were plugged, moreover so as to ensure that Sakura would be unable to take it off herself, he tied her hands around her back with the rope he got from Yurikago.

After he finished doing that, he faced Yurikago.

「Is this good enough?」

「Yeah, yeah, Alright, the next thing is……Yes, yes, it’s—Al—right—now!」

She raised her jaws and bends her backside at an extreme angle and shout’s out those words.

When she finished doing that, he started to hear the pitter patter footsteps……of three people who were familiar to him, as they called out his name.

「「「Taiyou-san」」」

When he turned around, the three sisters jumped into his bosom at the same time.

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The three sisters jumped into his bosom simultaneously. As soon as he confirmed their appearances, Taiyou stretched out his arms and had an accepting posture. Still, he was pushed back by the tackle of three people and his back was pressed against the wall.

He naturally slid down to the ground as he entrusted his back to the wall, and the three people are quietly embraced.

「You guys, how come…..?」

「That is our words to say」

「Although we were waiting for you to return to the classroom, no matter how long we waited you didn't come」

「We were really worried」

「Ahh……」

Taiyou had a strained smile on his face, he finally recalled the fact that he went out of school without informing them of anything.

He wanted to secretly resolve the issue so he did not inform them as he went out. He regretted the fact that he could have just said a few simple words in order to relieve them of their worries.

「My bad, I had something I had to do」

「…….Taiyou-san」

Kotone was watching him with moistened eyes.

「Please……Kiss me」

She, requested him. If he looked carefully, both Suzune and Kazane had the same expression on their faces. If Taiyou was a bystander looking at the situation, he may have thought "What a lewd face" the girls had, however, looking directly into their eyes even he was infected with their intense expressions.

His heart begins to throb, it became unbearable to Taiyou as the three girls were irresistible.

He brought them even closer to his embrace, first of all Kotone's lips were breathed in. her

soft luscious lips were passionately kissed, pressed and sucked up.

The flavor of her kiss was neither sweet nor sour. He didn't even know whether her lips tasted delicious or not.

Taiyou could only feel warm inside.

The warm pleasant feeling spread throughout his body.

The feeling of sitting on the hard floor gradually disappeared, and what replaced it was a feeling of his body floating in the air.

「Puhaa」(gasping for air)

「Taiyou-san, me too……」

After Kotone it was Suzune's turn. Suzune had an intoxicated gaze as he went for her lips. Her lips looked exactly the same, however her lips were a little bit smaller.

Prod, Probingly. Whilst kissing her, Taiyou lightly probed her lips with his tongue The more he continued to do this, it was like the tip of his tongue was directly connected to the nerve endings of his nether regions, and he started to feel a sweet numbness in that area.

(I wonder…. if she also feels the same….?)

Whilst feeling the warmth of her body he was thinking such things. Suzune's petite limbs which were being held in Taiyou's arms, were twitching and trembling every time Taiyou's tongue brushed against her lips. He was curious to know whether she could also feel the wonderful sensations that he felt.

「Taiyou-san……..Suzu-chan……」

「You are next」

When he separated from Suzune, this time he pulled Kazane's body close to him a little violently. He "deprives", this would be the best word to describe his actions. He kissed her intensely and violently.

He pressed unto her lips with enough force to change its shape, he licked her lips. He sucked it up.

When he continued to do this for a while, suddenly, Kazane's body lost its strength.

Her whole body loses its power and all her weight was entrusted to Taiyou.

Taiyou caught her firmly and embraced her even more strongly.

He finally separated from her lips.

Kotone and Suzune both leaned into Taiyou at the same time. Together along with Kazane, the three people were being held tight.

Nobody had to say anything, the four people just continued to enjoy the aftertaste of their passionate kiss.

Taiyou looked up into the sky.

Up until a little while ago, this was a scene that would have never occurred for someone like him.

For a long time up till now, Taiyou had a dull life without any girls in it.

He was branded as a “good guy” but a girl actually told him it was lame that he was a “good guy”. Additionally there was this one time where he got a chocolate on Valentine’s, however, the girl in question actually told him that she put it in the wrong shoe cabinet by mistake and re took the chocolate. When he thought that it couldn’t get any worse, he was ranked as being the least popular school boy, in an underground school site and he managed to win this title five times in a row.

He thought that he would never get a girlfriend, for his whole life. He even started to think that he would have to rely on those mediation services where you would be matched for arranged marriage or a mixed-race marriage in the future.

Regardless, having this kind of relationship with such cute girls was completely unthinkable to him.

「Taiyou-san…..I really like Taiyou-san」

Someone said those words, and he tried to glance at them to see who it was. Who said it? He wondered, even now he was unable to distinguish the voices of the three, but he guessed that even if he could find out, it was a meaningless thing.

That’s because all of them were looking at him with the same gaze.

「I also love you. Forever and ever, I want to be by Taiyou-san’s side」

「I will do anything to be together, so please let me be together with you?」

「I also really like…..You girls」

When he said so, the girl’s faces were beaming in smiles.

「It’s probably more precise for me to say, that I have always admired you guys」

「「「You admired us?」」」

The three spoke in a chorus. Taiyou secretly liked this aspect about them. They were able to align the frequency of their voices completely and the voice of three people became the voice of one person.

Every time he heard their voices align, something seemed to stir from the depths of his heart.

Even now it was the same, when he heard their voice sync, he instinctively puts more power in his arms, he hugged them even more closely and their bodies were stuck together.

「Your heart beats…..No is it your frequency? That’s also not it, your smells? Atmosphere? At any rate, I really adore the fact that you guys are so synchronized. Even now it makes me…..」

For the time being Taiyou shuts/closes his eyes and he just tried to feel them.

「It’s like I am holding on to one person instead of three people, it’s a really weird sensation. However, I really like that feeling」

「Is that so?」

A voice was heard, whose voice was it? Was it just one person who said that, or was that all three of them speaking?

Taiyou who closed his eyes couldn’t discern such a fact.

And he didn’t want to find out the answer.

He wanted the girls to be all together as one.

The Asymmetrical Triplets, they were each their own independent existences, they were three separate girls yet they were also bonded with each other.

「Ahh….I get it now. I found a fitting word to use」

「What is it?」

Taiyou opens his eyes and he looked into the girls eyes.

「You girls… Share the same pure soul don’t you? 」

When he said this, the three girls had shocked expressions on their faces.

「Ahh, I’m sorry, I probably said something weird. Please forget about it—-」

「That’s not true!」

Kotone spoke in a loud voice and interrupted what Taiyou was going to say. In addition to that, Suzune and Kazane firmly grasped unto his right and left hand.

「It seemed like you guys were showing me a strange and unpleasant face?」

「That’s not it, we were just really surprised」

「yeah, we didn’t expect you to say such a thing. We didn’t expect you to be able to understand us」

「Although we hoped that Taiyou-san would be able to understand, we didn’t really believe that you would be able to understand us so well, even without us explaining anything to you」

「What is this about?」

When he asked them to explain, they all separated from Taiyou at the exact same timing and they sat on their knees.

And then Kotone extended her right hand, and made a thumb with her left hand and started to pierce the middle of her right palm with her thumb nail.

「Oi!」 (Taiyou Speaking)

Without thinking Taiyou stood up immediately. However he was stopped by the look on their faces.

Blood started to flow out from Kotone’s hands, her fingernail penetrated the skin of her palms and a small blemish could be seen.

Following that, both Suzune and Kazane opened up their right palms to show Taiyou and they each had the same exact wound.

「—tsu!」(Surprise)

Taiyou was mind blown, amazingly the same exact wound appeared on each of their right palms.

He understood this well because he saw it right in front of his eyes, Suzune and Kazane didn't physically injured themselves like Kotone did.

In other words, the two other girls didn't move a muscle, yet their hands just started to bleed on its own.

「Since a long time ago, we have always been like this」

「If one of us got injured, the other two would also get the some wound」

「When we get sick we also share the same cold」

「Is that true?」

「Moreover for us…..It was really hard for us to learn a language. Ne (right guys?)」

「Yeah, it was around elementary school? That was when we were finally able to talk」

「It was because back in those days we used to converse with our minds……. Although it was different from a normal conversation, we three were able to converse with our hearts, that's why we didn't really need to learn any words to express our feelings」

「Telepathy…..Among triplets? 」

「Yeah, sadly now we can't communicate like that anymore」

「Now we are able to converse normally, but we can't communicate using our mind anymore」

「Yeah, I mean we were acting like a married couple, and we weren't able to hold any conversations. Although I thought that it was special in its own way」

「Is that so……Ahh, I know what you guys mean」

Taiyou think's a little bit and nods.

「If you three were put into an unpopulated island and made to live together, you probably would start to forget certain words, is it a little like this?」

「I think it is similar」

「Even now when there is a long holiday, we get a feeling that we start to forget certain words」

「It's because when three of us are together, there is no longer any need for words」

「Is that so?…….I think it's kinda cool, that sort of thing」

Taiyou narrowed his eyes as he spoke.

Taiyou truly felt so from the bottom of his heart. The triplets shared the same soul and were able to feel each other, they were connected, and they were able to convey their full emotions without the need for any words. He really envied the relationship they shared with each other.

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「It’s kinda cool?…..–Eh? 」(Kotone Speaking)

Kotone is confused by Taiyou’s words and the three girls with the same face (yet different sizes) had a bewildered expression on them.

Was the words he said insufficient? Taiyou supplemented with more words to better explain his thoughts.

「Of course I think that it’s cool/good, but more than that, it is probably more correct to say that I am envious…… Of the relationship/bond you guys share between each other. That’s because our conversation just now….. Is it correct for me to say that you guys don’t keep secrets between each other? 」

「Yeah…..That’s….True」

「Or more like, we can’t」

「If our emotions are even a little bit heightened it leaks out, even if we try to conceal it, it’s completely useless」

「Is it like when the door to your bedroom is broken, that kind of feeling?」

「Yes, yes. It’s like its half open, I mean we can close it but the moment our hand leaves the door—-the room will open by itself again. I suppose it’s meaningless in a sense」

「Recently it’s been a bother to hold it closed all the time」

「Which reminds me, do you guys remember the time when we got lost in the shopping Centre?」

「I remember, at that point in time we were still able to talk within each other’s hearts, we are able to tell each other our locations but we weren’t able to guide each other properly」

「The signs in that Centre was really similar, and there was a place that looks identical on every floor, we ended up being spread out on different floors/levels」

「It’s because Kaza-chan got on the elevator, I went after Kaza-chan and Suzu-chan in a panic thinking that you guys got swallowed by a big metal box. The door to the elevator closed and suddenly the both of you were gone. Although I realized that you guys were fine in the next instant」

「Although we were in a state of panic, feelings of safety were able to be transmitted so we were able to calm down」

Taiyou's words stimulated their old memories, and the three girls became quite talkative as they reminiscence about their past. These were things that only the three girls would know about.

Their chests which were brushing up against Taiyou all pulsed with the same rhythm of heartbeats. The girls in front of him that shared such vulnerable things about them made him feel that they were so precious to him——unbearably precious.

「Do you guys, regularly talk amongst yourselves like this?」

He couldn't help but to want to participate in the conversation. However with his single careless phrase, their nice atmosphere was broken.

「……..No, that's not true」

「We usually get weird stares from other people, so lately we don't really talk amongst ourselves much even when we are together」

「It's been several years…..approximately」

Their conversations amongst each other was interrupted, and the lovely atmosphere they had around them was completely shattered, and it changed into something different. And it was definitely not something pleasant.

An awkward atmosphere flows out. The current state was achieved with a single careless phrase from Taiyou, and he regretted it so much he could die.

The unified movements they had up till now was also torn asunder.

「Th, that's right, we still need to talk to the person who brought us here–」

Whilst Kotone said this, she erects her body. Around the same time, Suzune and Kazane also parted from him.

The warmth disappears, Taiyou chases after it and his reaches out his hands to grab them.

「Eh?—-Kyaa」

He gripped Kotone's arm and drew her towards him. He put in too much power, and the two girls on the side were dragged into it, and they lost their balance and got tangled up in each other.

「Ouch…..」

They hit their heads together and Taiyou's eyes were sparkling with stars. Taiyou tried to suppress his dazed state by blinking his eyes and lightly shaking his neck.

When he finally regained his vision, right next to him was the appearance of a blushing Kotone.

She was acting all shy/bashful, why was that? And then his vision expanded even more—

「–tsu!」(Surprise)

After seeing the situation he finally understood. When they fell, their bodies were

entwined and tangled together, the position was as if Taiyou was pinning her down. Kotone was blushing due to the position their bodies were at currently.

「So, sorry, I didn't mean it」

「「Wait」」

From his left and right he heard the same words, He didn't need to confirm to know that it was Suzune and Kazane's voice.

As the girls called out to stop him, each of them were holding unto to Kotone's hands from each side.

「I…….Don't mind it okay」

Kotone was still blushing…..and she had a face that seemed she was determined as she glanced away from Taiyou's gaze.

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Under the bridge where various people with no common sense was gathered. Sakura was dropped off on a spot with a clump of grass on it, Yurikago was sitting with her legs crossed. A little distance away from Yurikago, Shirokiyami who was like a white porcelain doll, had her finger tips linked together and was staring at the riverbed with an unfocused gaze.

Her boundless gaze seemed to be staring at a single point, yet it could also be that she was staring at nothing in particular.

「What are you doing over there?」

Yurikago was curious about what she was staring at and asked her a question. Shirokiyami answered with a straight tone, neither filled with good intention or malicious intent, it was nothing but an earnest response.

「Insect..ti,cide」 (insecticide)

「I don't understand. You don't talk very clearly do you」

Yurikago just bluntly states such a fact, unlike Sakura who usually speaks in a more round about manner, Yurikago just isn't the type of girl to play with her words.

「I think that it's…..Clear enough. Everyone knows that…..obstructing/intruding on a pair of lovers, is what an insect does」

「I see. So, what do you plan to do? 」

「Threaten. People who get near…….I will kill them, that kind of threat」

Shirokiyami made an abstract explanation. Yurikago was a little doubtful, but after she thought about it for a while she was able to grasp the meaning behind the words.

「I understand, you released a barrier of killing intent around this area, didn't you? What a handy skill you have there」

「Because I am being employed, this is…..Also a part of the job to earn my salary」

「Hee」(acknowledging, hee= is that so?)

「Moreover」

「Moreover?」

「That person's body temperature……Feels really good. The girl's feelings…..I under, stand」

「……Eh? 」

Yurikago's eyes were wide open, and she had a slightly surprised face.

「I am surprised, that 『Shirokiyami』 can act like this. No, I suppose since the start you were always a woman? 」

「…… ? 」

Shirokiyami just stared blankly and tilted her neck at Yurikago's words.

「What's with that reaction?」(Yurikago Speaking)

「I don't…. Know. From the start, I was always…..a woman」

「Ahh, I suppose you are the type of person who doesn't even understand their own feelings」

「 ? ? ? 」

The girl with white hair just stares at Yurikago in puzzlement.

「Well, I suppose it's none of my business that you are being a faithful dog」

「I don't really understand…..What you are say….ing」

「If you become an adult woman you will understand」

「But you are also, not an adult」

「I am a worldly-minded person, so my mind is considerably more dirtied than you」

Yurikago laughs under her breath.

「Is that, sarcasm?」

「Not really? If I were to put a word it's envy」

「…… ? 」

「Oh come on, I just thought that you were the type of human being who is not tainted no matter the situation. Although I am, boastful of the amount of knowledge amassed within my brain. I can't think of a way to make you corrupted/contaminated. In that meaning/sense I'm jealous of the fact that you can remain so pure」

「…….As I thought, sarcasm」

「Yes?」

「I am…..Extremely tainted….that's why」

Shirokiyami gazed at her own hands.

Yurikago correctly understood the meaning…..of her actions. Yurikago was a woman who

knew of Shirokiyami’s notoriety, prestige and on top of that she even knew Shirokiyami’s real name.

Although she really understood why Shirokiyami was looking down at her own hands.

「That’s not what I meant」(TL: Yurikago is not referring to the blood Shirokiyami has on her hands, she is referring to her pure mind, and the fact that Shirokiyami doesn’t enjoy killing or torturing people, though I don’t know her back/origin story

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Kotone turned her face away, and her eyes were shut. Her face was flushing in heat and it was a really bewitching look of a girl who was resolute, Taiyou's heart was throbbing like crazy with a dokun (heartbeat sfx).

And as if he was given one final push over the edge, the triplets both from the left and the right were nestled/snuggling really close to him. One person was fixing Kotone's hair, the other person was taking off her blazer type uniform and exposing her chest.

Dokun, Dokun, Dokun…….. (Sfx heartbeats)

His heartbeat was growing louder by the moment, and he felt like at any moment, his heart would just dash out of his mouth.

His throat dries up and becomes raspy and the root of his tongue also felt really dry, it was that kind of feeling.

And, the blood stream of his whole body converges at a particular place, and a sweet aching starts.

「Kotone…..」

He whispers into her ears, and he raises the forelock that drifts over her forehead gently.

The moment Taiyou's hand touched her, Kotone's body quivered. (Sfx bikun =tremble) At the same time a hot passionate breath leaks from her mouth, she appears to be completely・・・・・prepared.

Just like that, Taiyou, brings his face closer to the breasts which were bared open by the sisters.

「No matter how you see it, this is going overboard!」

「—tsu!」(Surprise)

Because of the sudden interruption, the sweet atmosphere around them was completely blown away. Taiyou who got the hugest surprise of his life, felt that his heart seemed like it could pop out. He immediately separated from Kotone and stood straight up.

When he turned around, what he saw was the appearance of a girl with a twin tail with a crimson face and an angry expression.

「Certainly I gave you some space so that you guys can talk it out, however it’s not like you guys can just do whatever the hell you want, alright?! I don’t really care that you guys were acting out some sort of rape play in the middle of the day and outdoors for that matter! But please think of the timing! 」

「Ah, Uuu…….I mean… That iss……I’m sorry」

Yurikago was furious as she gave him an extremely menacing look, and Taiyou apologized meekly. When he looked back at it, what he was about to do here was probably a really bad decision.

He was currently on the Ohashi Bridge, which was an important traffic route between the two towns: Hirohise and Seikasono. Even during midnight, it would not be weird to see passer-bys or a car passing through.

And even if it was a little bit away, they were still quite close to the entrance. Taiyou could only shiver at the thought that people would find him at the crime of such a love scene.

「Geez! this is why virgins are……You better remember to control you lower body and rein it in a little, alright?!」

「Aiya……I am ashamed」

「Good grief, if I knew that you guys were acting out such a cheap love scene, I would have just left you here without helping you」

「Help—-」

When the word help was said, he suddenly remembered.

「Incidentally, why were you with the girls?」

「You are slow in remembering such things!」

Yurikago had an astounded look on her face.

「Just now you guys entered into your own fantasy worlds, and was about to act out on your sexual desires 」

「That is our fault」(Kotone Speaking)

「When we met him we were just so happy」(Suzune Speaking)

「That’s why it just flowed that way」(Kazane Speaking)

「I don’t really blame you guys for it」 (Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago was quite lenient with the girls and this time it was Taiyou’s turn to be completely astonished.

「Hey you, aren’t you going to become the Harem king?」

「That is…..」

「What? Do you plan on throwing away these girls? 」

「No, that won’t happen. I plan to take responsibility for them until the end」

Taiyou asserted confidently.

Although even now, they still haven't sealed the deal, but in his heart it was already a done deal. In this case, it was natural for him to want to take responsibility.

「Taiyou-san…..」

「Are you telling……The truth? 」

「Responsibility……Responsibility…..」 (Kazane is going crazy~)

The three sisters were reacting to Taiyou's words. Kazane seemed to reach some sort of conclusion in her own mind, and thinking about that "something" made her cheek blush red.

「Ahh, I am serious. Right now—」

「Like-I-Said-」

Before Taiyou was able to finish his sentence, Yurikago cuts him off with a voice that seemed shocked.

「That kind of behavior is not allowed. Listen up, if you really want to become a Harem King, then go look and learn from the wild animals of the jungle, got it?」

「Why animals?」

「Amongst humans there are a lot of cheating males, especially those males that are good at spouting sweet words」

Taiyou somehow remembers about Sakura.

「What I mean is you should look at animals for a good example of things. The male of the animal in a polygamy fights it's enemy's and takes full responsibility, the wives of the pack are completely defended, got it? If you look at a lion or gorilla this will become obvious」

「Hee (is that so?)」

「From here on, you will be taking the position of defending these girls. Although it's fine if you want to spout words of love, but pay attention to your surroundings when you pledge your love. If you are completely absorbed with them, and forget to be mindful of your surroundings, you could be easily taken out by the enemy and your pack could be annihilated in one fell swoop, isn't that just utterly stupid? 」

「……ahh」

Taiyou nods. He thought that the word Yurikago spoke had some sense in them.

Taiyou along with the three sisters and Yurikago all moved under the bridge. He was met with the still fainted Sakura, and for some reason a Shirokiyami who was hitting the walls and beating it up.

Six people except for Sakura was standing in a circle.

「And so, why was it that you were with the three girls?」

After calming down, Taiyou re asked the question to Yurikago again. When he did ask her, Yurikago had an expression which said "You are so slow to ask such things" as she stared

at him, maybe it was because of her straight forward personality, but she didn't actually say the words and just proceeded to advance with the story.

「I heard information from a source that both you and that white girl was planning on destroying the 『Blood Soul』Plan. And when I knew about the three girls being targeted, I thought I would take the liberty of bringing them along before they became hostages」

「By the way, I know you said this a little while ago but what is this 『Blood Soul』you mentioned that it was a plan of some sort?」

「That's right, 『Blood Soul Plan』. It is the name of the research being advanced under Junishima's clan present master for the next term.

「Research? You mean about that longevity? 」

「That is precisely the case, it's the research about being able to achieve perpetual youth」

Yurikago was saying this with a snort before she continued.

「You, how much of this plan are you aware of?」

「It is from her–」

He glanced at Sakura.

「—-I've heard about the story from Sakura, apparently it is a research about beauty. What was it again……..Eternally Little? She said something about making use of them and advancing the research」

After saying that, this time he turned his gaze towards the three sisters. The three girls bowed their heads, and nodded in assent.

「That's about right, however that is not all there is to it」

「What do you mean?」

「What are they using the Eternally little for? Or why are they using the Eternally Little? Those questions have yet to be answered. You think to think more deeply about the meaning of those questions」

「Eternally little……」

「When they pass the age of ten, these females, their growth and aging stops」

Shirokiyami mentions this in a mutter.

「That's right. Moreover the Eternally Little only consists of females, thus they want to research it, and find out the cause for their non-aging and by solving it, they hope to achieve perpetual beauty—」

「Perpetual youth, don't they feel out of place if they never grow old?」

Yurikago stares at Taiyou even more intensely.

Although Taiyou had a momentary mind blank, the idea caught up with him after taking another breath.

「—-Is it immortality they seek?」

「That is correct」

Yurikago nods.

「Ahh, of course the thing about achieving beauty is also not a lie. But under the pretense of making a woman beautiful, they are able to officially garner more attention and thus make more money from it. Also from a technical point of view, the latter is essentially perennial youth…..and it is more feasible to achieve this than unlocking an immortality gene. That's why they are doing this, I mean if things go well than they may also unlock immortality, either way they get huge benefits, that's how it is」

「So that's what this is about….」

「More like, it is a mystery to me how you did not arrive to this conclusion by yourself much sooner」

「No… Well if you didn't explain it to me in this way, there would have been plenty of different ways to infer their motives, right? 」

Taiyou says this with a bitter smile on his face. He felt like he just came out of a quiz in which he was given so many hints, before he could solve it.

「Yeah, it is an absurd thing」

「Hm?」

「I'm saying that all this research about trying to achieve immortality is just an absurd proposition. In the first place, how many brilliant researchers in the past history have failed to come up with the answer to immortality? 」

「Well I suppose that is true, But this time around, it would seem that they are getting quite close and it can be said that it is no longer an impossible feat to achieve. From a theoretical stand point….I can't say I know much about the Eternally Little but if such a human being does truly exist, although achieving immortality is one thing, advancing in the research of obtaining perpetual youth seems quite likely」

「Fun(exhales). Tell me, if you girls were to achieve that state of perpetual beauty what would you think? 」

「Eh?」

「For example those three, if they were able to continuously keep up their current faces and not age, whilst you alone become an old grandfather, what would you think?」

「That is…..」

Taiyou became vacant as he looked at the three sisters, and he imagined such a scenario in his head.

He imagined himself going out of school and entering the society, and pursuing a normal job for himself. And the companion which stood next to him, doesn't change at all and their appearance remains that of a young girl.

He was imagining that kind of spectacle.

「That is….」

At first he thought, it was considerably good, but then a sense of incompatibility gradually dawned on him.

Something would be weird. But what would be out of place? He didn’t really know the clear answer to that question.

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Memo at the time of the 30th Chapter

【Level】5

【Main Abilities】

Strength: 30

Charm: 65535

Popularity: 0

Skill: Long distance immunity

Fighting Power: 5 (According to Shirokiyami)

【Main Properties】

A debt of about 11 million yen (+one million yen)

An annoying Fairy (Virgin?)

A broken Smart phone

One room apartment

【Brides】

Kotone, Suzune, Kazane

【Acquaintances】

Yurikago

Shirokiyami (An evil god, Fighting Power: 139)

Miyagi Aoba

Junishima Sakura

【People who can see Hera】

Hayakawa: Kotone, Suzune, Kazane

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「Well, If you don't really know the answer, than it's fine. The three girls aren't classified as the Eternally Little, besides I'm going to crush that plan without fail. The thing I said about them being perpetually young won't happen anyways, so don't worry about it」

「……You plan to crush them? Wasn't it your plan to just give me the vital information? 」

Though Taiyou feels caught up in Yurikago's words, this only lasted momentarily.

「Ahh is that so? You want to leak out the information to me so that I will be your 『Means』 of destroying them」

「That's right, allow me to tell you that "using" you is just a 『means』, the 『objective』 is to completely destroy the plan/project 」

「Is that so? I understand」

Taiyou nods, on the contrary Yurikago who had so easily persuaded Taiyou to accept her proposition of making use of him was really bewildered.

「What? Are you just going to let me make use of you? 」

「Yea, I am」

「Are you really alright with that Taiyou-san?」

One of the triplets next to him, interjected in the conversation. Their faces were filled with surprise towards Taiyou, and towards Yurikago it was a mix of distrust and antipathy.

「It's fine」

「But, didn't she just say that she was just using you?」

「Moreover we don't really know the true colors of this person」

「I think it's too dangerous to trust her」

「……..I understand where you guys are coming from」

「In that case—」

「However, for the time being, our 『Objectives』 coincide with each other. And the most important thing is that, her 『Means』 to accomplish that objective, includes the plan to

protect you girls from harm」

「After all, that is just one of my 『means』 So depending on the situation, that may change in the future」

「I know, but protecting the girls will put you in the least riskiest scenario, right? In other words, it will be your most preferred method/means」

「That is not exactly the case, it is better to say that this plan will be the easiest to settle later on」

「That is exactly why your 『objectives』 are in line with mine」

「Well, I suppose that seems to be the case」

Yurikago acceded to the statements and stopped arguing. After silencing her, Taiyou continued to talk to the triplets again.

「It's just like you heard, at the very least she plans on keeping you guys away from danger……The "means" she has in mind and the "objective" that I have are the same. Therefore, even if we join hands I think that it should be fine」

「But……」

「The enemy of your enemy, is not really your ally but you can at least make use of them…..Recently I heard such a saying which I thought applies to our situation right now. I also endorse such an idea. Going according to such an idea I feel like I can trust her…… No have confidence that I can trust her」

「……」

The triplets just listened, whilst floating a worried expression.

The three sisters had a face that seemed to want to say something. They don't completely accept Taiyou's reasoning, but at the same time, they don't want to blatantly voice out their complaints.

Looking at their faces, Taiyou thought that at least for now, this plan was adequate.

And once again, he faced Yurikago

「That's how it is」

「Yea, I got it. Even so, both you and I may be more similar than I thought」

「I'm hoping that we can get along…..At the very least until this particular case is settled」

「In that regards, I am the same」

「Well, let's go over the more concrete details, shall we? Not about the content of the information. …….But, I want to know, what is the plan you have in store for me? 」

「I want you to come along with me, and steal information」

Yurikago's pupils were shining with fire as she said those words, she was like a carnivorous animal that was eyeing her prey.

At night: the hands of the clock were about to face up.

Taiyou and Yurikago was in a town called Gyoushika Gouroku. Gyoushika was a town that existed on the borders of Seikasono town, and in between the towns there was a mountain called Mt. Futagoyama Mountain which spanned over 100 meters in height.

They were near the research facility that was in Gyoushika. The two people were in a building that was able to oversee the research facility from a long distance away.

Right now Taiyou was accumulating experience points by taking of his coat and putting back on again. Next to him, Hera was silently watching over him.

He didn't know what to expect from here on out, so he thought that he should continue to raise his abilities even if only a little.

Although there was only Yurikago with him right now, he was actually raising his level in front of her. In more normal circumstances, he would never do such an action in front of others, however, just this once he thought that it was necessary in order to accomplish his objectives.

「Although this may be trivial of me to ask, is there any significance to your current actions?」

「I'm getting stronger」

Yurikago was just staring at him in silence for a while but, she finally got curious enough to ask him what he was doing.

Taiyou responded to her question in a joking tone.

「Kung fu?」

「That's right」

「…….You, do you actually think that something you watched in some anime could be applied to real life? 」

「Why do you reach such a conclusion?」

「Well, I mean it seems that you aren't able to distinguish between reality and make believe」

「I can distinguish! I'm just a normal person! I'm not crazy enough to think that doing this will actually teach me Kung Fu」

「Then why are you doing such a thing?」

「…….It's for my mental concentration. When I do this, I can settle down my feelings easier and focus」

Taiyou took a deep breath and answered her.

This was not a complete lie, gathering experience did in fact have that calming effect on Taiyou. Piling up enough experience in order to gain a level and increase his stats. For Taiyou this was the ultimate form of mind and soul healing.

Of course, he didn't mention the fact that this action was just a small part of the truth.

「Well, If that's the case then I won't stop you」

「……..Are the girls, okay you think? 」

「Those three girls?」

「Yeah」

Taiyou takes of his coat whilst nodding.

In this place, neither Shirokiyami nor the three sisters were here. Yurikago gave the idea/proposition to entrust the three sisters with Shirokiyami.

「They should be fine, after all that woman is guarding them」

「That girl, is she really that amazing?」

「More so than amazing, from what I know, if you compare her amongst her peers within the same generation, without a doubt she is the world's strongest in her field of work」

「Seriously?」

「For real」

「Then why did we separate from her? I mean if she truly is the world's strongest, shouldn't we include her as part of our war potential in this plan? 」

「After all she is still in her teens. …..She is not easily controlled. If we give her simple orders she will be able to accomplish it without fail, but for her to follow more complex details, her judgment in the scene in important moments aren't exactly the best. In the end, she is just one really strong person」

「……..Is it like an NPC? 」

Taiyou was able to come up with this image after hearing Yurikago's explanation. In the games Taiyou often played, there were plenty of NPC with similar characteristics…..Whilst they were indeed extremely strong, the player could not have direct access to them and they could only cooperate automatically. Though they are far stronger than the player character, their movements are usually dictated by a computer and as such they are unable to make the best decisions when the situation becomes overly complex.

Yurikago's explanation was quite short, but when he thought about Shirokiyami's personality, he was becoming more convinced that this would be the case for her.

「If we think about what we are trying to accomplish here, I believe your abilities will be much more convenient for this plan. Furthermore, you seem to think like me, so it will be easier to set things in motion」

「I understand」

Taiyou nods, if that was the case, then he definitely agrees.

Whilst he was continuing to accumulate his experience points, this time around, he was the one to ask Yurikago a question.

「Hey, who on earth are you exactly?」

「Me?」

「Yeah, To begin with, what is your real name? Yurikago is obviously a fake name right? It's not your conventional type of name, besides it sounds like a stage name that you thought up on the spot. If your name was Youran the way in which you would write cradle/basket, then even that would make more sense than Yurikago」

「Isn't fine to leave it as Yurikago? If you don't know about my real name, is there going to be some sort of a problem? 」

「I don't really mind whatever name you choose, but I still want to know about your true colors. If until the last moment I still don't know your real intentions, when there comes a time for me to make a decision about whether or not to trust you, it will become that much harder to believe in you」

「Is that so?…..Well when that situation comes, do what you must, isn't it fine that way? And if you were placed in a situation where you need to make such a decision, even if you knew my true colors how would that change anything regardless?」

「……」

Taiyou nods and without changing his tone of speaking he continued.

「Well even if you don't tell me, I think I have a general idea of who you are」

「What did you say?」

「Ahh, you don't have to be that vigilant, I don't really know anything major about you. I simply think that you must be an Ojou-sama (young lady) of some rich family.

「……Why do you think that? 」

「It's your atmosphere」

Taiyou was still performing his fluid series of movements of picking up his coat right after dropping it to the ground, when he pointed at Yurikago.

「Since we met in the Ohashi Bridge up till now, your appearance has been consistent. I suppose it can be described as someone who seems "resilient"」

「Isn't it because of the way I speak? And the fact that my eyes are always narrowed. Even I am conscious of such things」

「Well that is also true but……Well the thing about your eyes being narrowed is not really true……but beside the point. I am talking more about your upper-body」

「My upper-body?」

Yurikago's glance drops to her own body, after that she quickly hides her own breasts and glares at Taiyou. Her cheek slightly blushed, it was like she noticed that Taiyou was seeing her girlish parts for the first time.

「No, it's not about your boobs」

Taiyou quietly points it out. The reason he didn't give her a loud retort was because he found the peculiar aspect of Yurikago that he was about to say quite pleasant.

「Your back….No, it's probably better for me to say your muscles along the spine. When I look at your posture it's almost as if you swallowed down some sort of pole, and with

that pinned to the ground you have a really nice posture. Even when you stand up or if you sit down, even whilst you are walking, you always have a good posture…..always」 (TL: I guess he is implying that a girl from a rich family always stands tall because of the etiquette they were taught when growing up)

After hearing Taiyou explanation, Yurikago slowly relaxes and lowers her hands from hiding her breasts, but she was still keeping a vigilant look on her face.

Taiyou felt that his guess hit right on the mark.

Having a stable proper posture is how an Ojou-sama would have been brought up, her tone of voice, expressions and other mannerisms in which she conducts herself does not seem to be made up. However she also seems to have a wild side to her personality mixed in. Taiyou was becoming increasingly interested in knowing her true colors.

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That is……No never mind」 (Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago was about to make some sort of a rebuttal, but she shook her head and swallowed her words back down.

「Abraham Lincoln……America's former President of the United States, he said a few words which really stuck with me. When someone passes 40 years of age, a person should take responsibility for his own face, that's what he said」 (Yurikago Speaking)

「Hmm?」(Taiyou Speaking)

Taiyou inclined his neck a little and gave her a look which said, "Why are you suddenly talking about such a thing?" Yurikago was being really roundabout in the way she spoke, this was totally unlike her usual self.

「Don't look at me with those eyes, it's not really that Philosophical. I'm not suddenly turning into Sakura, I don't have an interest in such things. What I am talking about is, the muscles of the face will form wrinkles and such when making familiar expressions he/she has made in their life, that's what I am referring to」

「An expression one is familiar with?」

I repeated her words like a mechanical parrot whilst having one hand on my cheek.

「Yes, Someone who has been smiling their whole life, will develop strong muscles to make a big grin, people who are quick to get angry on the other hand, will have scary eyes and this will be fixed on their faces, people who like to talk cynically to others will have their mouth distorted…….That kind of thing」

「Ahh, I suppose that how it is」

Taiyou thought that this was the truth.

It is natural that when a part of the body repeatedly does the same motions for their whole life, the body will optimize itself so as to fit a more convenient shape for that person.

「Most of a child's features if they are new-born babies will come from their parents, however once someone reaches the age of 40, the shape of their face will be made by how they lived their lives. Thus, if you reach that age of adulthood, then you should be able to take responsibility for the choices you've made in life, that's what those words mean」

(Yurikago Speaking)

「It's similar to the words said by Mother Theresa」(Taiyou Speaking)

「In her scenario, it's about looking towards the future」(Yurikago Speaking)

「Indeed」(Taiyou Speaking)

「Yeah」(Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago cut their conversation for a little while, and after letting out a sigh she continued.

「Therefore, I plan to thoroughly take care of my face. Although only my face」(TL: "Every man over forty is responsible for his face." these are the exact words as quoted from Lincoln, the story goes when he was advised to hire a certain man in his cabinet, he refused even though that man could have been a valuable asset. The moral of the story was not the fact that he found the man's face ugly, but his features showed Lincoln that the man had an ugly personality and a bad disposition)

「Ahh, so you are saying that a person's face can reflect their personality, right?」

Coming this far into the conversation, Taiyou finally understood what she was trying to say.

「However, in reality as well as metaphorically, a person's attitude will remain the same for their whole life」(Taiyou Speaking)

「I know that…..」(Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago lets out a sigh and hangs her head down in dejection. Taiyou could somehow feel grace from her small gesture, and it reconfirmed his beliefs about her being an Ojou-sama from a well-off family.

「Are you that unhappy that I managed to expose your true colors?」

「That much is obvious, but」

「But?」

「More than that I am disappointed in my own worthlessness. If I take the words of Lincoln to heart, I loathe myself who is unable to see my own true nature」

「That is being a little too harsh on yourself isn't it?」

「……」

Yurikago refuses to comment on Taiyou's words as she turned her body away, she sealed her lips and stayed quiet after that.

She doesn't want to say anything more, there was an implicit nuance and Taiyou could read it from her body language, so he also felt no need to pursuit the matter any further.

Knowing anymore about her background, at least in this place and the things they were about to do from here on out, was irrelevant to the task at hand.

What was the most important thing to Taiyou right now, was achieving his objectives and the means to achieve it.

Yurikago has the intentions of obstructing the『Blood Soul Plan』. That was also the

main objective that Taiyou wanted to accomplish, and Yurikago's true colors had no influence that would affect the matter in a negative way.

Even if he took the presumption to its limits and said that Yurikago's true nature was a 700 year old vampire, or a Martian who came from 100 years in the future, all Taiyou wanted out of her was the fact that she planned to obstruct this project together with him, so that he could regain peace for the three sisters.

Thus, Taiyou decided that he did not want to overstep his boundaries. Having pointed out her true colors, was only because it flowed naturally into the conversation, and he just went with the flow.

He was the kind of guy, which would not ask about it, if a woman did not wish to speak about it. The atmosphere inside the room was becoming a little heavy, Taiyou was still continuing to earnestly gather up experience points.

Before the beginning of the operation, he still had some time left. Until then, if it was possible he wanted to raise at least 1 or even 2 levels.

Pasa, Shuru, Pasa Shuru. (sfx of him taking his jacket off and putting it on)

He continued to whole-heartedly perform his actions, suddenly Hera who was keeping silent watch until now suddenly burst into a dance.

It was the level up dance……He wasn't really sure if that is what the name of the dance was but, it was the movements he has seen Hera do many times in the past.

Taiyou silently nodded towards her. Before they came into this room, they already predetermined how they would communicate silently with each other.

As per usual, a huge torrent of figures flowed into Taiyou's brain.

Taiyou became Level 6. His strength value rose up to 42, just as he wished, the fighting power he wanted to increase was definitely higher now.

(Just how strong is a strength value of 42?)

Naturally he had a little bit of doubt.

When his power was at 30, he was already able to bare-handedly pulverize a concrete wall and manage to snap off a steel sword. In this case, just how crazy would a value of 42 be?

He thought that he needed to experiment and find the answer some time in the near future.

Taiyou gave Yurikago a quick glance and she turned her back towards him. Confirming that Yurikago was looking away, he quickly turned towards Hera, and mouthed out the words.

「What–is–the–next–method—to—gain–exp?」

Although his facial expressions were a little strange because he wasn't able to just speak the words out loud, the message was conveyed successfully.

Hera was just vacantly staring at him momentarily, before long she understood his words.

「Tayiou-chan you still want to continue〜? Didn't you just level up moment's ago〜? 」

「Con-tinue」

「Is that so, I understand. Umm, the next thing is〜」

Hera flew towards the window. Though she passed by Yurikago on her way to the window, her existence was completely concealed from Yurikago so she showed absolutely no reaction.

「Over here Taiyou-chan, you need to come here〜」

Taiyou headed towards the window side in silence. Taiyou also passed by Yurikago, but this time she was looking at him with suspicious eyes.

He disregarded her gaze and stands next to Hera.

「It's here〜」

He silently watches Hera and gave her a questioning look "Exactly what am I supposed to do here?".

「Open the window, and then afterwards you need to close it. And after you closed it, open it up again〜」

Hera was explaining this to him with a smile.

When he first met her, Taiyou would often object to the ridiculous things Hera made him do and this would unnecessarily prolong his experience gain. Since the time he was made to dig up holes, this is the sixth kind of method in which he needed to perform to gain experience.

After coming this far, he realized that the actions he would have to perform would be ridiculous, and most likely all of the actions Hera would give him hereafter would seem like a "futile" actions.

Piling up those blocks, before smashing them down.

Digging up a hole, and then burying the hole.

Turning a coin repeatedly from heads to tails.

Taking off the jacket and then putting it on again.

And, opening a window, and then closing that window shut.

It was filled with pointless actions, and the one thing that was consistent was that they were all very repetitive laborious work.

Taiyou who was getting accustomed to being thrown into these types of situations, barely had any energy left to give a rebuttal towards Hera and just accepted the situation for what it was.

With the aim of reaching Level 7, Taiyou was accumulating his experience points.

Garagaragara, Garagaragaradon! (Sound of window opening and closing)

The window is opened, the window is closed shut. The moment it was fully closed, he opens it up and then closes it again.

If someone was to watch him do such a thing, they would start to doubt his sanity.

Naturally, Yurikago was starting to become worried.

「You, what are you doing?」

「Please don't mind it」

「You got a sickness of some kind?」

「The more I close this window, the stronger I become……..Please just think of it like that」

「You aren't even drunk…..」

Garagaragara, Garagaragaradon!

Whilst replying to Yurikago in a forced smile, Taiyou continued to open and close the window.

Hera was smiling radiantly as she watched Taiyou, but for somebody like Yurikago who had no idea what he was actually doing, she started to knit her eyebrow more and more.

「Hey, that is really annoying, don't you think you can stop it?」

「Even if I tell you that I will surely get stronger doing this?」

「That's a load of Bull—」

Yurikago was about to deny him, and Taiyou looked towards her over his shoulders.

She swallowed her words, looking at how serious of an expression Taiyou actually had on his face, she hesitated a little.

「……..Seriously? 」

「I can say with confidence that if you don't see me getting stronger during the mission, I will gladly let you call me an ambulance to go straight to the mental hospital……Would this answer of mine be sufficient to convince you? 」

「You are really similar to Sakura」

「Didn't you also say previously that we were alike」

「Ugee…….」 (Ack)

Getting it straightforwardly pointed out to her, she had an unpleasant face.

「Well, even if I say this, it doesn't mean that you are similar to Sakura」

「That is obvious, I can't stand being compared to such a person」

She spoke about Sakura as if she was spitting out poison, and then she looked straight at Taiyou again.

「Will you truly get stronger doing that?」

「It's true」

「In that case, I will endure it」

「I am grateful」

「It’s not like I can complain, the person I am trying to make use of is, increasing his own utility value for me」

「Isn’t it praiseworthy?」

Yurikago let out a smirk, and then she turned her face and body away from his direction.

Although it was good to communicate solutions in a practical manner like he did with Yurikago, on the opposite end of the spectrum, he also did not dislike the conversations he shared with Sakura even if it was slightly more theoretical and roundabout.

Even whilst thinking about such things, Taiyou continued to increase his pace of opening up the window and closing it.

And by the time that the plan was about to be set into motion, and the strategies were about to be discussed.

He had already reached Level 7 and his strength value became 51.

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The window was opened and closed at a rapid pace, Taiyou had reached level 7. right at this moment the power he needed the most had been gradually increasing, Just before he left the hiding area, he used two of his fingers to grip on the metallic window frame, using merely his thumb and index finger he crushed the metal frame like it was butter, that was the kind of power he obtained thus far.

After checking his abilities numerous amount of times, he decided that this “power” could also be referred to as “physical strength”. In other words, there would be a direct correlation between his hand grip and his physical strength.

He had the physical strength that could crush rocks and bend metal, in addition he also had a specific ability which allowed him to nullify all long range attacks.

Those were the two abilities he possessed at the present time.

Even so, Taiyou was not able to fully feel relieved. According to what Hera told him, if and when he reached level 10, he would be able to acquire some other new skill, if possible he wanted to raise his level to that extent, but it couldn’t really be helped, there was just not enough time at this juncture.

He remembered back to when he had to choose a skill at level 5, if at that point in time he chose “Super Armor” instead of long distance immunity, this probably would have been much more compatible with his current fighting style. Considering that he had a vast knowledge in terms of gaming skills and their effects from playing numerous games, if he had “Super Armor” he probably could have become an indestructible force that would dominate in close quarters combat.

Although he wanted to go back and change his decision…..

(I suppose it’s useless to complain about the things I will never have)

He quickly gave up on that thought, and decided to make do with the abilities he already acquired.

The hour hand of the clock approaches 12 am, and changes into a completely new date.

Taiyou and Yurikago went out of their hiding spot, and started to go near the research facility.

They were concealing themselves in the shadows of the research facility, the two people

were facing each other as a dim street light shone on their faces.

「Then as a last precaution, allow me to review our victory condition before commencing the plan」

「”the victory condition”, these are words you would not normally use」

「Well aren’t you a gamer? I thought that if I used those words, it will become easier for you to understand? 」

「Well I suppose so..」

Taiyou let out a forced smile.

It wasn’t like she said that he couldn’t understand unless she talked in “gamer terms”, but she was definitely implying that he was nerdy enough for her to want to use such terms to make him better understand.

「Anyways, let me continue on with the victory condition, alright? There are two conditions, and if neither is fulfilled it will all become useless−」

After saying such a thing, Taiyou was slightly taken aback. Taiyou was looking at her gaze in order to discern her intentions and he quickly grasped the situation.

「Ahh, Alright. What you are saying is both conditions are of extreme importance and both must be fulfilled, right? 」

「That is the case. Then let’s go over the first condition. We need to sneak into the facility, and establish a connection with their terminal to an outside network, we then need to take a part of the essential information within the system and take that home with us」

Yurikago put up her index finger to signify that she was referring to the “first” step.

「A part of? Why don’t we just take all the information we can get? Ahh, is it because the terminal is not connected to the internet, so it is impossible to do so? 」

「No, that’s not the problem」

Yurikago lets out a mischievous smile.

「I plan to leak out the stolen information to mass communication services, the thing is, leaking out a bundle of massive information isn’t really efficient, instead it is much better to give out the juicy pieces of information in order to incite public outrage」

「What you mean is……」

Taiyou places his hand on his jaw, and takes on the thinker pose.

「So for instance, when there is some sort of cheating scandal with a famous celebrity, you only have to release information about the newest guy. When the media lets out information that is exciting, yet doesn’t disclose all the information. At that point in time, the people will be driven to find out what happened in order to get the latest scoop」

「I see, however, what is the difference if we just let out all the information? Isn’t the results…. going to be the same regardless? 」

「There is a considerable difference, the motivation of the public is also important to

consider. It is all for the purpose of creating a small spark, and blowing it into a big flame」

「…….I see」

Taiyou nodded slightly, although he doesn't understand all the subtleties of what she said, he just accepted her word for it.

Yurikago extends her middle finger, to signify the "second" condition, and she made a V-sign.

「The second condition, when we begin our escape, I need to be able to get out of the facility by any means necessary 」

「Hm? Isn't that obvious?……」

「This isn't something trivial」

Yurikago cut Taiyou off in the middle of his speech and looked at Taiyou with a serious face.

「I'm not talking about the fact that my life is precious. I am not even saying that I need to get out unharmed, the fundamental thing is that I need to erase my presence from ever being within that facility」

「What is this about?」

「I will go as far as saying that in the worst case scenario. Rather than getting caught by them, I want you to kill me, and completely destroy my corpse so that it will not be distinguishable」

Yurikago spoke this with a cold-heartedness.

It seemed as if she was trying to confirm whether Taiyou could do this for her, but he did not answer her back.

Hearing such savage words come out of her mouth had obviously made Taiyou speechless. Although she prefaced it by saying that it was not a trivial matter, he did not expect for her to actually go that far.

「Is that clear? Keep these two conditions always in your mind, as we commence the mission. Then, let's begin the—-」

「Wait, just hang on for a second」

「What?」

Yurikago puckers up her eyebrows, and it seemed that she was getting a little irritated.

「Those words you just said…….Why does it have to be like that? I mean I understand why you wouldn't want to hand yourself over to them, and I won't question you for that decision, however, I can't comprehend why you would rather be killed in the worst case scenario」

「Asking this kind of thing, what do you expect me to say? Besides is there even a need for you to know about such a thing? 」

Yurikago gave a fierce and cold counterattack, which nearly caused Taiyou to lose his words again, but this time, he recovered at once and spoke back.

「There is」

He answered back clearly.

「I am but a mere high school student, Although I am not going to be selecting the “means” for this plan, and I want to accomplish my “objectives”, but this task you have given…….The last task of potentially having to kill you with my own hands, this “means” is ridiculous. If you are asking for such a thing, than you are asking too much from me. If you are unable to tell me the reasoning for such a drastic measure, when the time comes for me to make a choice…….it will be impossible to not hesitate」

「Indeed, that may also be the case」

Yurikago closes her eyes, and lets out a small sigh.

「I’m sorry, I didn’t take that into consideration. It’s my mistake」

「No, I wasn’t trying to place the blame on you or ask you to take responsibility—」

「I understand, in regards to that matter, I will take care of it myself when the time comes. When it comes down to it, you just have to make sure to get away as far away from me as possible so you don’t get caught up in it」

「Wait!」

「What?」

「Don’t give me that crap! What was that? Are you trying to tell me that when it comes down to it, you are going to take your own life?!」

「It is so, is there anything for you to complain about?」

「Obviously there is a problem, talking in that sort of manner……Saying that sort of thing, how could it be possible for me to calm down? 」

「Get over it. Even if I were to suicide… no, it’s not even about that, is it? Let me ask you this, even if I did decide to take my own life, will there be some sort of conflict or disadvantage to your “objectives”? Or will you be hindered in some way? 」

「Indeed, if you are referring to my “objectives”……Then in that sense there will be no conflicts」

「In that case–」

Yurikago was about to declare her finishing statement, but Taiyou predicted her words and gripped unto her wrist. (sfx grip)

Yurikago’s body temperature was transmitted to his palm.

At the same time, his mind kicked into overdrive mode and in an extreme way, his mind rapidly settled down and he felt his head cooling. Taiyou was originally a man who when he experienced a certain threshold of anger or sadness, those kind of strong emotions would suddenly be cooled and he would be calm. However this time around that calmness —was not the usual kind of detachment he usually showed, this exceeded the boundaries

of his normal reaction.

The thoughtless words she spewed out of her mouth in regards to “death” that unusual term which one would rarely hear about in ordinary life, really ticked him off. It was as if he became a third party that was looking down on the situation from above, watching both himself and Yurikago that was the feeling he had right now.

「Let me go」

「Then, you must first clarify・・. Why would it be necessary to go that far? What is the reason that you must be killed if push comes to shove? 」

「Like I said, what has that got to do with you?」

「It is not irrelevant any longer, If you won’t tell me what it is, then the worst case scenario may be that this plan will never succeed」

「You are so persistent, all you have to do is follow my plans, you don’t have to worry about anything else 」

「If you wanted something like this to be done, wouldn’t it have been better to just call Shirokiyami?」

「That’s true, if it was her, she wouldn’t have blinked for even a second at my request」

「I also think that is the case」

With her wrist still being firmly gripped, Taiyou nods his head.

「However, you asked for my help」

「So you are saying, I have to tell you?」

「It was your own mistake to assumed that I wouldn’t demand for an explanation. It will be necessary for you to pay for that mistake」

「……..And If I don’t want to speak? 」

「I already said this before, but I am merely an ordinary person. When an emergency situation arises, I will place my life on the line if I have to stop you from killing yourself」

「Stop?」

「That’s right. That is to say, you will not die, because I will protect you」

「……」

Yurikago has a frustrated expression whilst staying silent.

The silence flows, and both Yurikago and Taiyou just stood there as they stared at each other for a little while.

In that kind of body pose, the two people were glaring at each other.

It was likely that her circumstances really had no bearing or negative effect for Taiyou, nor did it relate to being able to successfully save the three sisters from harm.

Even still, Taiyou could not help but hear the reason. If there came an emergency

situation, there was no way that he could just abandon her and run away by himself.

No matter what, Taiyou was resolute in making her answer this question.

「How about I answer that question for her instead?」

Suddenly, whilst the two people were still staring at each other, a voice came out from the side. Although the mysterious voice seemed to be young, there was a clear will and determination which flowed out.

When he turned around. The figure of a little girl, who was stark naked and only being wrapped in silk, was standing in front of him.

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First he was doubting his eyes, then he was doubting his consciousness.

That was how bizarre the appearance of the person in front of him was, he didn’t know whether she was real, and if he could even touch her or not.

Her height is around 130 centimeters, she had a baby face and a bobbed haircut. It reminded him of the zashiki warashi. (TL: Zashiki-warashi is a Japanese demon, known as a yokai) The clothes she was wearing was a see-through one piece dress, and it would seem that she wasn’t wearing any undergarments. Additionally, she was in a pose that generously showed off her body.

Although she looked like a little girl, she had a very promiscuous pose.

Seeing such a person in front of him, it couldn’t be helped that Taiyou was feeling embarassed.

「What’s the matter? You are staring at me so much. Do I look so adorable, that I’ve made you want to give me some candy? 」

「If I start giving out candy here, this will clearly tick the children crime box! Also stop calling yourself adorable! 」

「Hm? But I am Cut—」 (Cute)

「Like I said, please don’t say it!」

Taiyou lets out a large voice, and interrupts the little girl’s dialog.

「If you connect those two things, a bad thing will happen」

「How difficult, I thought that this kind of expression was universal. The Japanese language is gradually becoming more inconvenient」

「There is no connection with Japanese. If you really want to call yourself adorable, at least use the correct first person pronoun to refer to yourself. To begin with, why are you using “Washi” to refer to yourself? 」(TL: she is using the words わし(washi) this is a term is a normally used by elderly males to refer to themselves)

「But I am using the correct first person pronoun which corresponds with my age」

The little girl, tilts her head in an adorable manner.

「Corresponds with your age?」

「Umu, It corresponds with my age. For a woman of my age it's obvious that I would use 『Washi』or 『Ore』to refer to myself. 『Atashiya』is another way I can refer to myself, but it makes me sound like a weak and frail person」

「Ore…….Atashiya…….? 」

She pointed out three different ways in which she could refer to herself in first person. Taiyou started to think for a while, after seeing how casually the little girl referred to herself in Washi.

Suddenly, he began to connect the dots.

Washi, Ore, Atashiya. He started putting the pieces of the puzzle together, and realized that all three ways to refer to herself could be used by an older aged woman. In other words, when she said these were the words suitable for her age, it was implying that she was an old woman.

Inside, she was an old women, yet her looks seem to be a young little girl.

A very young looking old woman.

Suddenly, a word that existed within Taiyou's head floated across his mind.

—Loli Baba. (**Illustration: Loli Baba**)

Although the external appearance is that of a young girl, the mind and soul……..the inner workings of the person were at an advanced age. In recent years, people have started to call such a girl the "Beautiful Witch", But Taiyou understood it intuitively, and if he had to choose between the two words, Taiyou liked to refer to these girls as the "Loli Baba".

Is she truly a Loli Baba?…..As such thoughts passed his mind, he received another flash of inspiration.

It was in regards to the female limitation Sakura talked about, after growing up normally to the age of 10, their aging would stop and they would retain their youthful looks for the rest of their lives, although their internal organs would still continue to age and grow weaker which would inevitably lead them to die, looking young.

「Are you one of those girls? The "Eternally Little"…..?」

「Umu, Some might also refer to me as an unsold old housemaid」

「Orudo……?」(TL: he's saying old)

Taiyou was puzzled due to hearing words he was not accustomed to hearing He understood from the flow of the conversation that this was some sort of way to refer to her, but the meaning of her words were unable to be understood.

He intuitively understood the meaning of Eternally Little as a way to describe her being small for all eternity, but he didn't understand how that related to her being an old housemaid.

Whilst Taiyou was still looking doubtful, Yurikago slipped herself into the conversation.

「Azumaya Kohaku, What are you doing out here with that kind of appearance?」

Yurikago knits her beautifully shaped eyebrows, she really seemed to have an unpleasant face. It would seem that Yurikago knew the true colors of the young looking old woman standing in front of her, as she called her by the name “Kohaku”, however, just like Taiyou, Yurikago was also doubting why she was out here with that kind of appearance.

「Umu? This is my everyday clothing, is there a problem? 」

Kohaku, lifts up her see-through skirt as she answers. Although she raised the hem of her skirt to the very limits before revealing her crotch area, to begin with it was already transparent so it wasn’t like anything changed.

「You are telling me, that’s your everyday clothing?!」

「That’s right. These clothes are really comfy, they feel great on the skin, and it’s really easy to move around in. During Spring and Summer I always wear these clothes, is there something weird about them? 」

「Of course it’s weird, to go that far and disregard the normal standards of clothing is being ignorant of the fundamental point」

「The fundamental point, what’s that?」

Kohaku tilts her head in puzzlement. Yurikago was just staring at Kohaku.

「Your external appearance. Wearing such transparent clothing and appearing before a man…….As a woman aren’t you the least bit ashamed of yourself?」

「Kukuku, For a woman who exceeds the age of 80, calling me a woman is inappropriate, you would do well to remember this fact」

Kohaku says this whilst giving a chuckle under her breath. Taiyou took a little bit of time to process the information.

「80?」

「Umu, Allow me to reintroduce myself. My name is Azumaya Kohaku, you may call me by Kohaku-tan, if you so wish. If you are willing to call me by “Kohaku-tan” then I shall permit you to pant whilst you cling to my behind, how about it? 」(TL: “-tan” is another version of “-chan” (which is another informal way to address: female family members, lovers, close friends, intimate friends).

「As if I’d call you that?! And who would do such a thing?!」

「By the way, when you call my name, I will be counting on you to imagine my name in Hiragana」(TL: her name in Hiragana means Amber. Basically, she want’s him to imagine her name as: Beautiful, Soft and sticky, hue hue read comments for more info)

「Like I said, I ain’t going to call your name like that!」

「That is such a shame. Although I may look like this, I am a fully-fledged grown woman biologically speaking」

「Yeah I can see that already!」

「Then allow me to tell you something you may not be aware of. This year since the date of my birth, I am approaching the age of 87」

「87 years old? You were born 87 years ago? 」

「That's right」

「……..During the Taishou Era? 」

「Are you an idiot?」

「It's regrettable but I was born in the Showa Era」(this is 1926-1989)

Showa period. He spoke the words as if reciting them, he looked at her in amazement as he became at a loss for words.

「What, it seems that you still don't understand?」

「That's…..To be expected isn't it? I mean you started talking about the Showa Era. If you told me you were born in the Heisei Era, then I would be convinced but this is….」(Heisei Era: 1990's)

"To think that you were born such a long time ago", Taiyou refrained from speaking out such words.

「Umu, will it be easier for you to imagine it if I told you that I was born in the same time frame as the time the Aircraft Carrier Akagi was made?」

「It won't! And why are you suddenly talking about Aircraft Carriers? 」

「That game was so wonderful, it brings back such nostalgic memories one after another……It makes me feel as if I was in some sort of class reunion」

「That kind of thing is not a game!」(TL: Aircraft Carrier Akagi is a reference to the Kantai Collection game Kancolle, contributed via members in the comments section, ty guys ! Although it is also a real Imperial Japanese Navy AKA the "Red Castle" it was built in the 1920's hence the same time frame in which Kohaku was born)

Taiyou cuts off the conversation she was making and once again took a good look at Kohaku.

She really didn't wear anything down there, she was a young looking old woman who was wearing a transparent see-through one piece silk dress. Her appearance seems to be somewhere around a 10 year old girl, however she claims to have exceeded the age of 80, she also speaks in an elderly way.

Taiyou just couldn't put his head around such an existence.

Whilst thinking such things, Yurikago began to talk to Kohaku once again.

「Hey, aren't you going to change out of that? I already understand the fact that you are an old woman deep inside, but we have a beast with us right here」

「What do you mean by calling me a beast Oi!」

「It means that you are a Lolicon」

「I ain't a Lolicon, alright?!」

「Fu〜n(exhale), is that so? But you also made the youngest of the three sisters into one of your lovers, right? 」

「Uuu」

Taiyou didn’t know how to answer back.

The youngest of the three sisters— Kazane had the same face as her two other sisters but in terms of her height and her physique, she could be compared to a grade-schooler. Honestly speaking rather than wearing her school uniform, it would suit her externals more if she wore a yellow hat and a red backpack.

Because it was true that the girl named Kazane did exist, Taiyou couldn’t really object immediately to the disgrace of being called a Lolicon.

「Hou? Thou are a Lolicon? Well I don’t particularly have any qualms with that, after all a high school kid like you who is still wet behind the ears, probably has a lot of “frustrations” that he needs to take care of」

「You talk big for someone who is classified as an old housemaid」

Yurikago spoke back towards Kohaku in an amazed tone. Taiyou could only hear words which he was unaccustomed to hearing, and he could not pinpoint her exact intentions in all of this.

「Kukuku. Well then shall we return to the subject at hand? 」

「The real issue?….Ah, Yurikago’s plan」

「Yurikago?」

Kohaku has a dubious expression on her face as she repeats the name and looks towards Yurikago.

「Are you going by such a name?」

「Is it bad?」

「For being able to make someone cooperate with you without even telling them your real name, you have my admiration. Although a true Japanese person would be introducing themselves honestly and take more responsibility of their actions」

「That kind of thing is an old tradition from a cliched era」

「Ahh, As I thought, Yurikago was an alias wasn’t it?」

「That is correct」

Kohaku declares so whilst looking at Yurikago.

「If she won’t tell you herself what her name is, allow me to tell you in her stead」

Yurikago falls silent whilst being astonished at Kohaku, seeing she wasn’t going to speak any time soon, Kohaku turns towards Taiyou.

「In that case, It seems that I will be the one to tell you her name」

「Ah, ahh……」

「Her name is Junishima Youran, she is the Junishima clan’s “Princess”」

Taiyou did not anticipate that she would be from the Junishima clan. Taiyou rapidly turned

around to face the girl with the twin-tails and looked at her in completely shock.

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「Junishima Youran?」

Taiyou repeated the name he just heard from Kohaku.

And he looked towards Yurikago, she was glaring at Kohaku with a face full of displeasure. Seeing her in such a bad mood probably meant that what Kohaku said was the truth.

In other words, it was her real name.

When Taiyou was thinking about what could be wrong with having such a name.

He suddenly realized something.

「Having the name Junishima, are you perhaps a relative of Sakura?」

「Junishima Sakura? Umu, I heard that they were half-sisters born of different mothers. Sakura wasn't born from a legal wife nor was it from one of the concubines, she is apparently a child born from a mistress」

「Is that so?」

「Who cares about such a thing」

Youran brushes it off as if it was something really trivial.

「Is that so? No hang on a minute, if you and Sakura are sisters, then why are you trying to hinder her plans? Is it because she is your half-sister? 」

「It can't be explained in such a simple manner」

Youran let's out a sigh and displays an expression of resignation.

「You, how much do you know about the Junishima clan?」

「…….To put it bluntly, it's to the level that I don't even know how to write the name. Sakura has mentioned that it was a way of writing that was an unimaginable, and it was writing Island twelve times in a row 『Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima ,Shima, Shima, Shima ,Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima』 」(TL: Juni= twelve, Shima= islands)

「Kukuku, To come up with something like writing Shima twelve times, what an interesting way of thinking. If that was truly how it was supposed to be written, I wouldn't be surprised if it appeared in the Guinness book of records. That's because the longest

family name in the history of this country is at best 5 characters」 (Kohaku speaking)

「Then how do you write it?」

「It uses the character 『双』from the first part of the kanji for “twins”, the Chinese numeral for 『六(six)』 and lastly the kanji for 『島(Island)』, combined together it is 『双六島』」

「Pair…….Six……Island. Ahh, so because there are a pair of two sixes, it totals to 12. Indeed, if you weren’t told how to write it directly, it would be hard to reach such a conclusion by yourself. To be frank, after seeing the characters I assumed that it was read as “Sugorokushima”」(TL: Sugoroku 双六, is a traditional Japanese board game played with dice)

「Well Japanese family names are often derived from geographical locations」(TL: some examples: Yama= mountain is very commonly used by Japanese people or Mura for village etc)

「Ahh, In the case of Westerners, they have a lot of their family names based on occupations」(TL: example: James Baker, Fabbri =blacksmith, Chandler= candle seller/maker)

「Even Junishima is a place name. In Japan the Junishima island is the third largest island located on the Sea side of Japan. Also, the Junishima family has been the landowner of the island for over 1000 years」

「Hee」

「And, I am a daughter from that family. So is that foolish woman over there」

「You aren’t just a mere daughter, isn’t that so?」

Kohaku chuckles as she says this.

「What do you mean?」

「She is born from the eldest son of the Junishima clan, this would mean that she is the next candidate who is supposed to lead the family as head of the clan, she kind of like a “Princess”. She also has an official name she is addressed with by her subordinates」

「Hee……」

Taiyou leaks out a voice of awe, he didn’t think much of her having an official name, but when it was mentioned that she was the rightful successor, he frankly thought that she was amazing.

Seeing such a reaction from Taiyou, Kohaku couldn’t help but let out a smile.

「It seems that you have yet to fully understand the implications of this situation?」

「Hm? What do you mean? 」

「Allow me to ask, can you imagine what kind of place the Junishima island is?」

「That is….Isn’t it an island, and it is the third largest island within Japan? …..Wait a minute, if it’s the third largest island in Japan, just how big is the island? And you are saying that they own the whole thing? 」

「Finally you have begun to grasp the magnitude of the situation. Well in this case, although the mysterious size of the island is not a trivial thing, it is of secondary importance. The important factor to note is the population of the people on the island」

「Population?」

「Yes, the Village of Junishima. Over one million people live in that village, it is the most populous village in Japan」

「……Did you say one million people!?」

Taiyou gasped and he rapidly turned towards Youran.

The girl with the twin tails had a cold indifferent expression on her face. Although she didn't affirm the statements made she also didn't deny their validity, she had a look on her face which implied the truth in Kohaku's words.

「It can't be? How can there be a village with one million people in it? 」

「In this country there is no such thing as an automatic promotion of a village, the law of this country states that as long as the village doesn't apply for it, it will continue being classified as a village……Regardless of the fact that it has 1 million people living in it or 120 million people」

「So obviously the Junishima clan has purposely withheld from applying to fix their status, however why would they do such a thing?—-」

「Isn't this enough?」

Taiyou was about to further question the fact, but Youran interrupted their conversation with a firm tone.

「That kind of story, is unrelated to our current situation」

「I suppose so, the important thing to note is that Junishima Youran is the first candidate to be the person who will stand on top of these one million villagers and the one who gets to control them in the future. And the important thing to note is that. Although it may be called a "village", if all those people were to gather, the person who will stand at the top will have an extremely strong amount of influence. Being the village chief……Will naturally mean that person will have the most influence within their grasp. In other words, Junishima Island is like a country within Japan, the village chief is akin to a sort of a king which rules a country」

「…….So, could it be that there is some sort of a power struggle? 」

「The correct assertion」

Kohaku grins whilst nodding her head.

「Although she is the first candidate of choice, it does not mean that it will be a peaceful road to obtain supremacy. If any sort of weakness is shown, it will be quickly taken advantage of in an instant」

「Is that the reason that, in the worst case scenario….She said such a thing」

「That's right. For this particular situation, no matter what she does it doesn't really

matter as long as she doesn't get caught in the act」

「Even so, her corresponding action to not get caught is way too excessive…..」

「What do you mean by excessive?」

Kohaku was doubtful, and Taiyou told the words Youran said to him a few moments ago.

Kohaku was in complete agreement with Taiyou.

「It stands to reason. That she is probably the type of person to go to the extremes of being extreme」

「Is that so?」

「Umu, it's something that occurs often with her. For instance, right now she seems to be a man-hater, but if a man who she can fall in love with shows up, she will fall hopelessly and thoroughly in love, and she will be the type to give out her everything to that man」

「Just like that?」

「Umu, From her body, to her heart, even her wealth and power, everything will be given. That's the kind of hopeless girl I see her as」

「Stop talking arbitrarily me behind my back! I am not going to become that sort of a person! 」

Youran shouts out in a loud voice, and frantically denies the statements.

「Na(Hey), don't you think she's that type of person?」(TL: Kohaku is asking for Taiyou's opinion)

「Ahh…..I do get that kind of vibe from her」

「Why are you guys jumping to your own conclusions?! I'm telling you I am not going to become like that, okay?!」

「Yeah, all I can hear you saying is "Oh noo, I will never become such a thing" 」

「That's true, the more she tries to deny it, the more it seems that she's just trying to deny the truth」

「Stop making your own assumptions—」

Youran pouts and turns her face away.

「Aren't you interested in her? If you make her fall for you, you may just become the king of those one million people, you know? Ahh, by the way, when I said the word "fall" I meant the word "degenerate"」 (TL: Kohaku the perv, is basically saying, he should make her lose her mind like in those princess corruption games~)

「Why did you need to mention that specifically?!」

「It's my hobby」

「What kind of hobby is that?!」

「What do you say? If you want to do it, then I will give you a helping hand. And when it becomes successful, all you have to do is provide me with a little bit of compensation」

「By compensation, do you mean money?」

「Nope, for someone like me who do not many years left to live, such a thing is unnecessary. I also have no need for lands or power」

「Then, what is it that you want?」

「I want this—-」

Kohaku says this and suddenly started to lean over to Taiyou. The thin transparent dress she wore and the feeling of her smooth skin brushed up against Taiyou.

At the same time, an indescribably sweet smell tickled his nose and made his heart skip a beat.

「What are——Nnnmuu!」

He was just about to ask her, but before he could speak, Kohaku already planted a kiss on him.

With such a sudden kiss, it could be said that there was no sign of this before it happened.

With his lips being enclosed, Taiyou was both astonished and perplexed.

After a short time, just like the time when he was kissed, Kohaku was the one who parted from him.

Whilst being totally confused, Taiyou was looking at her.

「Wh, what is……」

「I'm going to take the reward in advance」

「Payment in advance?」

「When the time comes, you can just give me another reward of the same kind」

「Nono, wait, wait wait……」

「What is it? You are being such a stingy man, aren't you? Are you trying to bargain down the compensation? 」

「No, that's not the problem」

「In that case, were you not satisfied with my lips?」

「Uuuu…..」

Taiyou was at a loss for words. It definitely wasn't unpleasant.

More than that, it was actually quite the opposite.

The feeling of her lips when she kissed him, and the rich fragrant aroma that drifted from her body smelled like a dribble of honey. And now she was finishing him off with her abandoned upturned puppy eyes look.

The result was that a fire started to ignite within Taiyou's chest.

It was a sweet-tasting kiss that made both his legs feel a sweet aching all the way to the base of his feet. Even if his mouth was torn apart, the words "not good", it was not

possible to say such a thing.

Just when Taiyou was at a loss for what to answer, Kohaku seems to have found something as she points her fingers at something.

「Umu? Hey, can you tell me what that is? 」

「That?」

Taiyou turns his gaze to where she was pointing and when he did, he let out a groan.

What was there, was the appearance of Hera who was supposed to keep silent in accordance to when Taiyou was among other people.

「It’s nice to meet you desuyo〜, I exist for Taiyou’s sake, I am the Level up Fairy Hera nanodesu〜」

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「Isn’t it fine, besides, this kind of thing won’t work against you anyways」

Youran replies to Taiyou whilst still having her hand on her firearm, the size seemed to fit right into the palm of her hand, and if one were to look closely at the materials it was white and metallic, and when it was shot earlier, there was barely any sound coming out of it, in all aspects it was a special man made weapon.

「What is going jya?」

Different from Youran who was finally convinced, Kohaku was surprised at the spectacle which occurred before her. There was little wonder, after all, when the gun was fired a sound to the extent of a person farting came out, and most importantly, the bullet which was fired at Taiyou’s private parts fell harmlessly towards the ground.

Having just been fired right in between his groins but acting nonchalantly as if nothing happened, it was impossible for someone to not be surprised at this development.

「I don’t really know the details behind it, but this fellow is seemingly immune to projectile weapons. Pistol, Shotgun, Machine-gun, Rocket Launcher……I’ve seen him be impervious to these kinds of things」

「Was it like that? Well if someone were to come at me with a bomb, even I wouldn’t know what would happen」

Well now that they have already found out this much, Taiyou felt there was no meaning to pretend being dumb anymore and he just admitted it obediently.

He remembers the events which occurred during the morning he went to the Junishima Mansion. At that time various firearms were being shot at him and the Rocket Launcher that impacted the ground near his feet caused a huge cloud sand to appear.

「I suppose that’s true. So, bullets don’t work on you?」

「If the best hit man in the world used his rifle on me, it might work」

Taiyou was cracking jokes, without shifting in complexion in the slightest, Youran just ignored him and looked the other way. As expected, it would seem that she didn’t really enjoy these kind of conversations. She slides her gaze to Hera who was standing on the side and started to ask her.

「Is it true?」

「Yes 〜, Taiyou-chan is immune to all long ranged attacks desuyo〜」

「Hou, does he even possess such a strange ability? What a convenient thing jya」

「Is the reason he has his powers because of you?」

「It's because Taiyou-chan really worked hard desuyo〜」

「Is that so. Long distance won't affect him, how about short distance attacks? For instance what if I were to slap him in the face, what would happen? 」

「Well the thing is 〜」

In mid-sentence Hera flies towards Taiyou's groins.

「Why are you always aiming for this spot?!」

Taiyou grabs unto Hera and grips her tightly, and he threw her away in the opposite direction with all his strength. Hera was screaming out in a loud voice "Ah〜Ree〜" as she flew away and vanished into the yonder.

「I see, I guess even just a little while ago, you were collapsed in agony」

「Uu」

「I understand, though all kinds of long distance attacks are nullified, if a direct close range attack landed, you would be just an vulnerable as anyone else jya」

「At that time when you threw away Shirokiyami into safety, you had full confidence in your power to survive the frontal attack, didn't you? I also heard you mentioned that『Even if a nuclear bomb was launched at me, perhaps I would remain unharmed』」

「It would seem that you would live longer than a century jyano」

Youran and Kohaku was having a noisy discussion about his abilities, when he suddenly felt a staggeringly bad premonition.

It felt like he was slowly being stripped off all his clothes, by the two women, and more importantly, he felt like the discussion was going into a place where it cannot be allowed.

The two of them did not know of Hera's existence until a little while ago. And now, even his skill had been exposed.

Both of them were very quick witted women, when information was given, one after another they would solve the pieces of the puzzle and it would spark more ideas.

「The reason why you would bring this man along, I have completely understood now」

「Me too, finding out that bringing him along was the right choice makes me feel relieved 」

「As for me, I am just so glad that the amount of people I can converse with has increased desuyo〜」

Before he noticed it, Hera was already back and mingling with the conversation of the two girls. He was almost tempted to throw her away again.

「Now then」

After coming to terms with the topic, Youran had a serious look on her face.

「It is about time jya」

They were playing around a while ago, but now they were indifferent.

With the guidance of Kohaku, both Youran and Taiyou were being led into the research facility.

Kohaku used her biometric authentication to enter the building, and inside it was unpopulated, according to Kohaku's source of information, for some reason or other, the researchers had withdrawn from the facility from midnight till six o'clock in the morning. Inside the building however, the Eternal little who was cooperating with the researchers were still here somewhere.

Though it was obvious they were experimenting with them somehow, he didn't really know the particulars.

The certain thing was the fact that there was nothing else here besides the eternally little.

(I can't really see where the eternally little are…..Is it possible that there are still other things to discover here?)

They were walking along the building where all they could here was their own footsteps.

The woman who was leading them was still wearing her see-through one piece dress. Although at the start when he first met her, he was anxious about her appearance, Taiyou did not have any lecherous thoughts. However since she took advantage of him with the kiss, he started to see her in a different light.

To be precise, he became transfixed with her ass. It was completely transparent and he could see her buxom small ass from behind.

Somehow or other, her swaying hips were truly captivating and Taiyou felt that blood was rushing into his groin area.

At the same time, he felt a faint sense of guilt and he inadvertently turned his eyes away……..However, besides him Youran was there.

Youran was clearly glaring with scornful eyes at Taiyou.

「……Lolicon」

「—-tsu!」

Taiyou couldn't find any words to say, and his face reddened. After one moment, he desperately tried to object.

「D, don't call me a Lolicon! I don't have that kind of weird complex! Besides this person is way older than me, and instead of a Loli she would be—」

Taiyou was trying to explain his side of the story, and Youran only watched him with indifferent cold eyes.

「Why are you becoming to flustered? Normally you are so cool-headed. Don't tell me, did I hit it right on the mark? 」

「–Tsu!」

「Taiyou-chan are you a Lolicon desuka〜? In that case, what do you think about me 〜? 」

「You are out of the question!」

「Then are you saying, that Kohaku is within your sights? Are you aiming for her? 」

「No no, that's not what I meant」

At the rate this was going, he felt that he would be branded a lolicon, and he would have to bear the dishonorable shame.

As a man, it was the one thing that he did not want to bear. If he gets careless here, more so than wrestling in embarrassing pants, he would receive a big psychological damage.

Taiyou was completely caught out of guard, on the contrary Youran was calm and composed.

「Well, don't worry about it, I don't really care if you are a Lolicon or whatever, as it doesn't concern me. Since the start I've always disliked you, besides this fact won't change even now」

「I'm telling you it's a misunderstanding」

「Kukuku, Please don't fight over me」

Kohaku who was walking ahead of them stifled a laughter.

「You don't really have to add fuel to the fire you know!」

「Kufu, my bad. But since I've been born as a woman, I've always wanted to say such a line jya」

「Is that really so 〜?」

「Umu, Well there are also a couple of other ones as well. For example 『I want to drink the miso soup that you made』 or 『It's touching me, idiot!』 or 『Oi, can you grab it for me, you know that thing ?』 or 『 Even if you said that you disliked it, look at how wet this place has become』 those kind of things」

「Hehh, so women actually have those kind of things that they want to say desune〜?」

「Don't be fooled, that is obviously a joke or her own personal twisted hobby」

「Kukuku, it's been found out ? Well, they are all my personal desires jya」

「Are those kind of useless things your only ambitions in life?!」

「Well I suppose I can admit that they are worthless, after all they are all dreams that cannot be achieved」

「Dreams to fulfil?」

Taiyou looked doubtful and certainly amongst her six dialogs Kohaku wanted to say, he didn't really understand why she wanted such weird dreams fulfilled, however she could probably get away with the 『It's touching me, idiot!』 phrase.

As for the rest, he wasn't entirely sure what the heck she was trying to achieve by saying them.

「You know about how we are called the eternally little right? At same time, are you aware of the other term the “old housemaids”? 」

「Ahh, I have been curious about that for a while. I’ve heard people saying it before, but what exactly is this thing called the “old housemaids?” and what does it mean? 」

「Are you aware of the Old Maid ?」

「Ha?」

Taiyou leaked a stupendous voice. For a second, the topic changed and he thought that he had misheard what she actually said.

It was like you turned several pages of a book all at once, that kind of feeling.

「The old maids? Are you referring to the Old maid card game? 」

「Umu, Am I wearing any clothes underneath? Or am I not wearing any clothes, that kind of game nojya」

「That ain’t the old maid card game, that’s different type of card game isn’t it?」

「Kukuku. Well the thing is. The old maid card game originally came from a game called the old housemaid game. It is a truly old game, the cards we used to play didn’t even have the same shape as the one’s we use nowadays, it was the times when jokers didn’t exist jya. The object of the game is to not be the one with the only queen at the end. And the person who is left with the queen loses—」

「so granny…..You are an old maid? 」

「Exactly. Old maids are women who has remain unsold…..or another way to put it is they are women who missed the marriageable age. We are the left over queen’s jyayo」

「What a harsh way to put it」

「I suppose it is jya. Well, as you can see, we the eternal little have this sort of external appearance. Throughout my whole life, I will retain this youthful appearance. As you can see I appear to be too young and naturally there is no one who would desire me as their companion」

「Is that so? No wait, how about all the lolicon’s out there–」

「If someone was to ask for my hand in marriage…. No even if they only became a companion, it would be good enough. In this society there is no one who is willing to confess that they are a lolicon to the world. As a man, there is rarely anyone who would want to burden the shame of being branded as such. Having the courage to proclaim that they are lolicon and losing their reputation, and having a lolicon complex is a completely different thing」

「……..」

「For us eternally little, the ratio to get married is roughly around 5%, that is a ratio of one in every twenty people. Other than that, it’s about the fact that the man will continue to grow older. This kind of rumor spreads and soon enough, we the eternally little, were branded with a derogatory term of the old housemaids」

「Unsold stuff…. nanodesuka〜? 」

「Well as one would expect, with that kind of term attached to your name, not many people would want to be associated with it」

Hera and Youran joins the conversation.

After listening to Kohaku’s speech, he went into deep thought.

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Chapter 38: Grade-schooler level of Command

Whilst walking behind Kohaku, his feelings somehow became gloomy.

After listening to her talk, he finally understood her side of the story.

Don’t fight over me.

I want you to make miso soup for me every morning.

Oi, get that for me will you, you know that thing?

These dialogs were all about love, and the affection that she has lacked all her life.

For someone like her whose percentage to get married was one in twenty, it was natural that she would yearn for such a thing.

And, there was another thing that he understood.

To Kohaku who yearned for such things…..

「Then, you are…..」

「Umu, Even if I look like this, I am an energetic virgin jya」

Kohaku turns her neck over her shoulders and grinned.

Hearing her say such an embarrassing thing, Taiyou’s face turned bright red like a tomato all the way to his ears.

「Please choose your words more appropriately!」

「By the way, my amniotic fluids never rots and throughout our whole lives, we the eternally little…..Retain our abilities to reproduce and become pregnant until our death」

「Like I said, please choose your words! Why are you suddenly going into such a weird direction?!」

「For an elderly person to not lose their ability to reproduce, it is truly a rare thing jya」

「Please consider the young people too!」

「Hey, you」

Youran speaks up and interrupts the comedy skit between the two people.

「Aren’t you planning on being with those three triplets?」

「Eh? Ahh, that's what I plan to do」

「So, you are a lolicon, aren't you?」

「I have no intention of becoming one!」

Taiyou did not want to bear the burden of shame and he rebuked Youran with a loud voice, however Youran did not mind it at all and just proceeded with her reasoning.

「So, aren't you planning on creating a harem with them?」

「That is…. Well」

Taiyou reluctantly nods.

There was still a refusal feeling to the word harem. Or more like, he wasn't really sure yet, if what he had between them was a harem.

However, the fact that he wanted to be together with, Kotone, Suzune and Kazane was without a doubt his feelings on the matter.

That was really the only method when it came with the three sisters and gradually he himself desired the three of them.

Therefore he nodded, then he nodded again and one last time he nodded to himself as if confirming his own beliefs.

「That's right, I do want to be together with them」

「So, in that case why don't you include her into your harem as well?」

「Eh?」

「Ohh, there was also this method desu」

「Increasing your harem members by just one, shouldn't be too much of a problem right?」

「Ehhhhhhh?」

The proposal was way too sudden.

Taiyou's scream of exclamation resounded in the building in the middle of the night.

Under Kohaku's guidance they arrived in front of a room.

The door in front of them was an imposing mechanical door.

「Well, then this particular door won't be activated with my level of clearance」

「Yes, please wait a moment」

Youran was fiddling around and she took something out. It was the kind of thing people used to protect their fingers when sewing, kind of like a finger condom.

「This is….?」

「It's a finger authentication system, and it's a relatively old-fashion security, apparently this door will open based on the finger print and in accordance with body temperature」

「Huh?」

「In the near future, there will probably be an update to the security system which will become a hybrid authentication system, but in that case, I will also be prepared to open it」

Saying such a thing, Youran passed the finger sack to Taiyou.

「Here you go」

「Eh? You are giving it to me? 」

「Use it on your finger, because before applying it we need to make sure it matches a human's body temperature. You, isn't your body temperature high? 」

「…….You seem to know a lot about me」

Youran was referring to the conversation she had with Shirokiyami in the past. He wondered just how much information this woman had on him, but for the time being Taiyou decided not to worry about it.

He puts on the fake finger print, and waits for the temperature to rise, and soon after, the party entered through the door.

Inside the room, there was several computer terminals. Youran stands in in front of one and started to operate the machine.

In the front screen, Taiyou felt like he knew many of the icons that were displayed on the computer screen.

「Unexpectedly the machine seems quite old」

「This, is just a dummy」

「Eh?」

「If I am not mistaken…… 『WWSSADADBA』 is the input code……」

「What is that?….Ohh」

Taiyou was dubious but after she inputted the code, the screen completely changed with a poof.

Now the icons which were familiar to him all disappeared in a burst and what replaced it was a black screen which started to spell out white characters.

「Is this the command prompt…..?」

「That's right, and operating from here……」

Youran inserted a memory stick into the machine, and the clattering of the keyboard was heard. He remembered that she previously explained that this terminal was not connected to any networks, so it was imperative that she physically came here with a memory drive in order to steal the information.

Taiyou was keeping guard as she performed her work but suddenly, there was a glance from the side that he was worried with.

When he turned around, Kohaku was looking at him with sparkling eyes, at least that is what he felt.

For some reason or other, she seemed to be blushing, and she looked seriously cute.

「Umm…..What are you looking at? 」

「It, it’s not like I’m looking at you or anything jya」

「Why are you suddenly acting so suspiciously?!」

After giving her a retort, Kohaku’s body which was twisting and turning a moment ago, was standing in their usual firm position.

「That’s weird, I had heard that nowadays the young men liked this sort of attention? 」

「I think that is questionably old fashioned!」

After he objected, she noted it with an “Umu”, and then after nodding, she looked at Taiyou once again.

For some reason, this time around, she was staring at him intensely and was glaring at him.

「I’ll, Kill you!」 (TL: Yandere mode activated?!)

「By any chance, are you giving me one of those death stares with that kind of look?!」

「That didn’t work? in that case how about—」

「Like I said, please stop it with this kind of behaviour, ya got mee?!」

「Your way of speaking the Japanese language got slightly impaired, young fellow」

「Whose fault do you think that is?!」

「Is it mine?」

「Who else could it be? Why are you so interested in these kinds of “dangerous jokes”? 」

「How odd, all I was trying to do was appeal my own loveliness, it didn’t work?」

「Even if you didn’t do such things, you are normally cute desuyo〜」

Hera’s whole face was smiling as she complimented Kohaku.

「Umu, Thank you. However, my cuteness, does not seem to be able to reach him jya. What shall I do, I wonder? 」

「Taiyou-chan is just antisocial desu, words are useless against him, I suggest that you take the direct approach, otherwise it won’t work desu〜」

「Hou?」

Kohaku’s eyes, was glittering and shining.

「In that case, why don’t you just stick your body next to his? If it’s just oral, I can pretend not to see anything」

Whilst operating the terminal, Youran joins the conversation whilst looking at the screen. Her multitasking was pretty good, like being able to hold a conversation whilst driving a car.

「That is an ingenious idea desu. Now then Kohaku-tan, Ike ike, Go , go nanodesu〜

「You guys, what are you trying to instigate here?!」

Taiyou raises his voice.

「If you want to have this kind of conversation, at least do it when the person in question is not right next to you」

As he was saying that, Kohaku without caring in the slightest, leans against Taiyou coquettishly.

The atmosphere changes. It was different from before, and a gentle atmosphere was created as she snuggled into Taiyou's arms.

「Wha, wait…..」

「…..If it's me, do you dislike it? 」

「Eh?」

「I've heard you already made promise to take turns with the three women, then the principle of only having one partner will no longer apply to you right? In that space, is there none left for me?」

「Wh, what are you saying so suddenly?」

「I'm entreating you, jya」

「Entreating?」

「In other words, this is a close-out sale jya. I don't have much longer to live, however, this youthful appearance can be retained until my last breath. I think that right now, it's a very cheap bargain jyazo」

「Cheap….」

「Umu, I won't get jealous and I make any selfish remarks. Even if I only receive the warmth for one person, divided into four…..for me that will be more than enough jya」 (TL: omg what a pitiful loli baba T.T)

「……」

Taiyou was at a loss for words, the joking atmosphere which they had a few moments ago was blown away like the wind. It was completely replaced with this sweet, yet suffocating atmosphere.

Her dialog of begging him. Combined with the fact that she didn't have many years left to live, her frantic desperation was really transmitted to Taiyou.

Eternally little…..They were also known as the Old Maids. 95% of them remained "unsold", and even going as far as to refer to herself as a special bargain sale.

These kind of earnest things she said, truly made Taiyou's feeling waver.

「Kohaku-san…」

「……」

She was nestling into Taiyou’s arms as looked up at him, her eyes were gently shut.

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Chapter 39: The Key to a Successful Harem

For a while, Taiyou just stared at her.

The sweet atmosphere wraps around him and tempts him.

Even though the little girl in front of his eyes, looked to be 10 years old, he felt like it was also not right to call her an 87 year old woman either.

There was only one thing in his eyes……..She was just a girl.

Her pulse was transmitted to him, from the place where their skin touched skin.

Her pulse was warm, as if it was delivering her feelings right to him.

The strength and speed of the pulse continued to increase, it was the peculiar rhythm of a person who feels nervous.

Taiyou knew what it meant, in the past few days, he understood what that rhythm represented.

「……」

Because he understood, Taiyou broke off the atmosphere and he gently pulled her body off him.

「You……?」

Her small face was raised, Kohaku who was waiting for a kiss expectantly opened her eyes, For a while, she just stood there and watched Taiyou's face in surprise, however before long, her pupils were dyed with the color of disappointment.

「Well, I suppose that's how things would turn out. For an old baba like me…….」

「That's not it」

Taiyou interrupted Kohaku's self-deprecation.

「In truth, my heart was beating really fast, regardless of your appearance, and regardless of your inside, nothing mattered and I was just in the moment……..and I wanted to do it」

「Then, why didn't you?」

In response to Kohaku's words, Taiyou shook his head slowly.

「I already, have three girlfriends. They are three women who think of themselves as one entity. I want to be honest with them. That's why, it isn't possible for me to accept you」

「However, I've heard that those girls wanted you to create a harem」

「That was just my own selfishness, and it is a thing that I need to clarify with them later on」

Taiyou looks straight into Kohaku's eyes as he continued to talk.

「Even if I wanted to get together with another woman, I would need the girls agreement, and also my own approval. ……In addition, if in the future more people are involved, I want everyone to consent before more are added to the harem. I want everyone to acknowledge and be together peacefully, I want to have that kind of relationship」

「……」

「That's why, right now I can't do it」

「Is that so?」

Kohaku nods her head and quietly parts from Taiyou.

「You are seeking a polyamory, aren't you?」

「Polyamory?」

Hearing words he wasn't accustomed to hearing, Taiyou tilts his head.

「Haven't you heard of these words being mentioned by the gay and lesbian community? Similar to their principles, when three or more people love each other, at that time, everyone's consent is necessary for the relationship to flourish, it's that kind of principle」

「Is there such a thing?」

「Isn't this the exact principle you just stated?」

「No, what I mean is, is such a thing prevalent in this world, or has it been done successfully before? I mean, I'm not too fond of gays or lesbians……but, there is a huge amount of people like them, right? 」

「Well, it isn't something that is remarkable. Even now, polygamy is known worldwide, or it could even be said that by ethnic groups, people who do polyandry exceeds 70 percent」 (TL: polyandry, for those that don't know is a practice of one woman taking two or more husbands, AKA reverse harem)

「Eh?」

「Well, I suppose that is the magic of numbers, when I compare it to the population of the world, the number becomes 10 percent or less. This is because, the people who follow polygamy are still in the minorities」

「Ah, is that what you meant?」

「Let's come back to it. Hearing you talking about polyamory……..I've remembered a race of people who follow that principle」

Taiyou nods. Looking at him, Kohaku lets out a sweet smile. As if she was fascinated by him, it was a gentle smile.

「Then, I shall wait for you to get the acknowledgement of the girls. By the way, I will

protect my chastity so please don’t be worried」

「…….Thank you 」

「The one who should be saying thanks is me 」

Kohaku was smiling contently.

He had a premonition, it was the hunch that Kotone and the girls would gladly accept Kohaku.

Even so, Taiyou wanted to hear their opinions first before making a decision. Taiyou wanted to stay true to his convictions.

However that “conviction” is one of the walls that stand in between Kotone and the girls, and Taiyou had not yet realised this fact.

「Nee nee, Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan〜」

「What is it?」

「If, I get the permission of Kotone and the girls, will you also let me into your harem?〜」

「Eh?

Taiyou was blankly staring at Hera, losing his words. He didn’t expect such a question so he lost his words.

「I mean, weren’t you talking about obtaining permission just now?」

「Well, I mean it was but……」

「Then, there is a possibility for me too desuyone?〜」

「No no…….. 」

「When his lolicon complex is aggravated this is how he acts eh」

Whilst she was still operating the computer, Yurikago managed to sneak in some remarks.

「No, like I said, that’s a misunderstanding」

「Taiyou-chan what’s it going to be?」

「No for you I can’t, if you really want me to say yes, at least become human sized」

「Uuu…….That is not possible nanodesuyo〜」

「Then, please give up」

「Uuu…..I understand nanodesu〜…….」

Hera withdrew tearfully. Seeing her depressed appearance, whilst, it did not suddenly invoke his love for Hera, it did cause him to feel pitiful, and he wanted to apologize for it.

Because the talk with Kohaku had reached a standstill, Taiyou stood up and walked next to Yurikago.

「What?」

「What's the situation?」

「It's going well, in a little while, the one that we need copied will be obtained. The evidence, that they were doing human experimentation of the socially vulnerable, 'Eternally Little'」

「And with this information, we will be able to stop them from aiming at Kotone and the girls?」

「Yes. If this is revealed to the public, all plans can be frozen according to my discretions. In such a case, no one will aim at the girls」

「What about the Eternally Little who are related to the experiments?」

「There is no problem in that department…..Regardless of the case, a huge amount of money will be paid to them in compensation for their hardships. Or more like, the situation will inevitably lead to such an outcome」

「……..I suppose so」

Taiyou was convinced.

「Oh?」

Suddenly, Hera opens her eyes wide, and faces the other direction. She was just staring at this one point in the wall……..as if she could see through what was behind it.

「What's wrong?–」

'Was there something?' Just as Taiyou was about to approach her and ask her this question.

「Alarm?!」

Youran, stood at attention, and turned her eyes. All the other people also had similar looks.

The whole room started to blink with flashing red lights, and a siren began to ring.

「What the hell is this?!」

「This is…….An alarm that informs others of any intruders」

「Did you say intruders?」

「What's going on, why is such a thing suddenly happening?」

「I don't know」

Kohaku says this, as she looked towards the computer screen.

「Is the data ready yet?」

「It's just a little more」

「Quick! If this keeps up–」

Before Kohaku even finishes her sentence, the screen cuts off with a poof, and the screen of the computer goes completely black.

「Ahh Geez! I was so close to getting it!」

「Pull out the memory drive! At least we got something, it should be fine!」

「I know already」

Yurikago violently extracted the memory drive that was inserted into the main body of the computer.

「Okay, time to escape」

「Follow me, there is a pathway that is not usually used connected to the outside. It’s not as special as a secret passage, but the probability of encountering a person is considerably less」

Just like the way she guided them when they were walking in, Kohaku once again took lead to guide them out.

「Wait, what direction are you going in?」

Taiyou asks her making her stop. The pace of the flashing red lights begins to quicken gradually.

「Direction? If you are asking about that, then it’s over here」

Kohaku answers, and points in the direction.

「And can you tell me which direction we entered from?」

「That is this way」

「……I see, By the way, this here is still the first floor right?」

「Umu……What do you intend to do?」

Kohaku was a little doubtful, Taiyou started to walk in a direction that was opposite from the two directions she pointed in.

He walked towards a white wall. Taiyou stood there and took a deep breathe.

「Uohhhhhhh!」

A shout resounded and the entire room shook, as he launched his fist towards the wall.

Dogon!

The place which had a white wall moments ago, now had a huge hole in which a person could easily go through.

Going into this room, Taiyou started to break the wall, towards the same direction.

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Chapter 40: A Means to and End

「You, what are you up to?」

「I'm creating an exit path」

After answering Kohaku's question, he went straight towards the wall and began pummeling it again to create a hole. He continues to puncture holes into the wall one after another so Kohaku, Yurikago and Hera started to follow after him.

「We don't have to do something like this, I can guide us to a secret passageway jya」

「This is just from my speculation, but…」

Taiyou makes an introductory statement.

「From the people that are chasing us now, I have a feeling that they already know that you have betrayed them. And if my hunch is correct, they will already be waiting at the secret passageway and the information you provide will prove fatal if we follow it blindly」

「Have you also considered the fact that Kohaku might be a double agent?」

Yurikago questions Taiyou. She is firmly gripping unto the memory drive with both of her hands.

「Ahh, in the case that she is, something will happen around this tim–」

「I have never thought such a thing」

「Eh?」

Though Yurikago was about to say something, Taiyou continued to break the walls down and spoke over her.

「That kind of possibility, doesn't even cross my mind」

「Wh, why?」

「……」

Taiyou could not answer her. He did not think he needed to answer her.

「Fufufuf〜, as expected desu, as one would expect from my Taiyou-chan desu」

Hera flies next to Taiyou who was keeping silent, and she danced around and fluttered around him.

Taiyou swatted her away like she was some sort of fly, and Hera was unperturbed as she

smiled radiantly dusting herself off and flying around him again.

The radiant Hera, the frowning Yurikago and lastly Kohaku who stood in silence as she gazed at his back.

Three people followed him and Taiyou smashed one last wall…….which was connected to the outside.

And when they got out of the building, they saw the 20 meter wall……..which was there previously. He runs up to the wall with a dash, and just like he has been doing, he used his powerful fist to create a breach in the fence.

Taiyou faces towards Yurikago.

「Go ahead of us!」

「Eh?」

「I will hold them off here, you go on ahead」

「What are you saying? I am—」

「A means to an end」

Taiyou interrupts her rebuttal. Taiyou had a stern expression on his face.

「You've told me that there are two conditions to victory, the first being getting that memory drive and the second is that your true colors must not be revealed to the enemy. In that case, what do you think is the most effective means right now?」

「……Attract their attention and then holding them off here, meaning that someone must remain」

「That's right, and right now, who do you think is the best person for such a job?」

「…….it's you」

「The correct answer. That's why, you should go on ahead」

When the facts were pointed out to her, Yurikago had a tortured expression on her face. It was obvious that her heart was wavering.

However, there was only one answer. Under such a limited situation, no matter how someone hesitates there is no other option than to accept the facts.

In the end, she could only concede to his plan.

「…….I understand」

「Hera, follow her as well」

「Eh?」

「Even if you are here right now, there is nothing much you can do, on the other hand, if you were to follow her, you can become her eyes and cover her blind spots」

「I understand desu」

「Alright, go!」

Yurikago looks at Taiyou one last time with the last remaining vestiges of reluctance before steeling herself and disappearing to the other side of the darkness beyond the hole.

「Well then, you should also……」

「Kukuku, I'm staying behind. No, I must stay behind」

「Mu」

「If both you and I remain here, it will buy more time for the rest to get away safely. In other words—」

「It will attract more of their men to stay behind?」

「Correct. Although with a hole like this in the wall, it is uncertain as to how many can pass through」

「Alright, but the person doing the fighting will be me, moreover if they take out guns, please do not hesitate to hide behind me as they will not work against me at all」

「Roger….That」

With that being said, the conversation between the two people came to a standstill.

Whilst waiting for the enemy to reach here, Taiyou and Kohaku was standing side by side in front of the hole with an imposing stance.

Before long, a huge amount of people surrounded them.

In front of the research facility, one man was taking along his subordinate.

He was wearing elegant glasses, and he was a young person wearing intellectual style of clothing where the tailoring was good.

He was one of the promising figures of the Junishima clan, Junishima Kaizen.

He was glaring at the facility, whilst listening to the report from his subordinate.

「Reporting, we have encircled each of the exit ways within the facility」

「Good, how about the concealed passage which we discovered from the information?」

「We have also completed the arrangements for that area」

「Well done」

Kaizen nodded at his subordinate.

「Have we been able to confirm who the perpetrator is?」

「Yes, using the monitor. We have managed to confirm that there is one man and two women」

「Is Sakura amongst them?」

「No, one of the females is the eternally little, and the other female seems like a normal……high school student she doesn't seem to have much restraint in her actions. Both their statures were different」

「I understand, So they didn't bring Sakura along, and hid her instead」

「What should we do?」

「What about the male?」

「It would seem, that he is the high school student who raided our residence earlier this morning」

「I see, It would seem that he is connected to all of this」

「Your orders?」

「Because I want more information, capture them alive」

「Yes, I will convey the message」

The subordinate moves slightly away from Kaizen, and begins to contact the group with a wireless radio.

Kaizen rolls up his glasses.

「Sakura-san…..」

He mutters whilst intently watching the facility.

During the day, the Juunishima Residence was attacked by the enemy.

There were two intruders, the first was an unidentified high school boy, however the other intruder was “Shirokiyami”.

She was a swordswoman who wielded the national treasure “Reverse Heaven”, although she was still in her teens, her strength was world renowned as one of the strongest.

Because of such an attack, his relative Sakura was kidnapped.

When Sakura was kidnapped, Kaizen immediately kept watch of all the projects Sakura was overseeing, moreover, it could be that the information about the facilities had been leaked by her and so it was infiltrated.

And when it came down to it, the facility did encounter infiltrators.

「However……What was their motives for capturing Sakura-san, were they trying to set up a trap or were they trying to gather information? Perhaps this was a planned attack? Well considering the situation right now, it would seem they are using her for information……yeah」

Whilst muttering such things, he was also considering in his mind if the two people who kidnapped her was her business rivals. Looking at it from a common sense stand point, it could not be helped to think that these two were her enemies.

「Regardless of the case, without capturing the intruders, we can’t find out any information and the questioning cannot begin」

Once again Kaizen looks towards the research facility. He already ordered his subordinates to seal all the exits. Next all he had to do was wait and slowly squeeze them out.

Dogon!!

Whilst still in the middle of thinking out his plans, suddenly a huge roaring sound could be

heard from the facility.

It was a sound that could shake the foundations of the building, however it was a different sound from an explosion, and it sounded more like something huge had smashed into each other.

「Situation Report!」

「Yes, I will confirm it right now」

「This sound is……is it the sound of a truck smashing into something? No if they were using something as conspicuous as a car, we would have found out beforehand. In that case, what could it be…..」

「Kaizen-sama!」

「What is it?」

「Th, the walls….」

「The wall?」

「Yes, the walls…..are being crushed down…..one by one」

「The walls are being hit?」

「Yes, the target is hitting the walls…..and creating a hole in order to escape」

「…….Impossible」

Kaizen loses his voice, it was a development he could not anticipate.

「That hole….No, the target, what is their position?」

「Yes, all of the men are being sent towards the hole and trying to encircle them, the target has all escaped through the wall」

「Kuu, we must capture them at once, chase after them!」

「Yes sir」

The subordinates once again gave their orders through the radio.

「What the heck is going on?」

Kaizen groans out in distress. Inside where various unexpected things were happening in the facility he could not sit idly, as Kaizen rushed into the facility towards the direction of the huge sound with his subordinates.

Memo at the 40th Chapter.

【Level】 7

【Main Abilities】

Strength: 51

Charm: 65535

Popularity: 0

Skills: Long distance immunity

Fighting power: 5 (Approximated by Shirokiyami)

【Main Property】

Debt of about 11 million yen.

An annoying Fairy (Virgin?)

Broken Smart Phone

One Room Apartment.

【Brides】

Hayakawa: Kotone, Suzune, Kazane

【Acquaintances】

Shirokiyami (An Evil Godl, Fighting power 139)

Miyagi Aoba

Juunishima Sakura

【People who can see Hera】

Azumaya Kohaku AKA Loli Baba

Juunishima Yurikago

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Chapter 41: I really wanted to hear those words

Behind the facility was a forest. The path that Taiyou opened up by creating a hole in the wall, did not lead to a road, instead Yurikago had to weave and dash between the trees. Holding the memory card that held the data firmly in her hand, as long as she had this, she could stop the plans that Sakura perpetuated.

「By the way, there's been something that got me curious」

Hera was talking to Yurikago, Hera was an existence she could not fathom until moments ago.

「What is it?」

「Yurikago-chan, aren't you supposed to be the next head of your family? Doesn't that mean, that you are in a higher position compared to Sakura-chan?」

「……My rank is higher」

「Is that so? then in that case, can't you just order her to stop, and that will be the end of it 〜?」

Hera was without a doubt asking her about the Blood Soul Project. And Yurikago understood that it was a very natural question to ask.

Putting on a disguise, and coming in contact with people from the outside was not a first time for her. And for outsiders, it was difficult for them to understand that a huge power struggle which was occurring within the Juunishima family.

Certainly if you were to compare their rank between Yurikago and Sakura, they were like heaven and earth. Similar in the way that the elder brother of Oda Nobunaga could not succeed his family no matter how much he struggled due to being an illegitimate child, Sakura could not ever reach as high a position as Yurikago.

Therefore, just like what Hera has asked, it was actually quite possible to stop Sakura's actions by force if she ordered her to do so.

However, the order would only be followed by pretext.

Although the plan itself, if it was declared publicly would garner public criticism from a

humane viewpoint, at the same time, with how big and powerful the Juunishima clan is……..And the fact that an unprecedented degree of earnings can be achieved from the success of this plan, it would not be so easily stopped.

Women all over the world could stop growing old, the ultimate anti-aging solution.

Just as Sakura has said previously, the amount of expected earnings would be in trillion of monetary units.

It is beyond a man's imagination just how many women who would drop their wallets and spend fortunes to become beautiful, not only that, on the opposite side, there also an abundance of males who would spend money for their women as well.

If Yurikago were to act foolishly and forcibly stop that plan without any good reasons, this would become a subject that she would be attacked with later in the future.

Consequently, she needed a just cause, in this case human rights.

This is why she voluntarily took action herself whilst disguising herself, she did not really want to explain all this to Hera.

In her achievement of this objective, it was by no means a requirement to explain to Hera. Also, she was different from Sakura, she did not have a hobby of enjoying a game of words nor was she interested in conversation.

Thus, Yurikago hastened her steps as she ran away in the woods…

(Natsuno Taiyou)

Since a while ago and for a long period of time, this name was sticking inside her head and she could not stop thinking about it. The boy who had similar sense of values to herself, having different objectives and a way of doing things, and the boy who put his way of doing things into practice.

This particular concept had not parted from Yurikago's head. When she took a sidelong glance, Hera was flying next to her side nonchalantly. She wondered if Hera was not worried about Taiyou.

「You—」

「Yes desu, What's up〜?」

Responding Hera turns her face towards Yurikago. The moment Hera's face was seen, Yurikago withheld her curiosity of "Aren't you worried about him" and asked a different question.

「—-You understand what he is capable of right?」

「Yes desu〜」

「It seems that guns do not work against him, just how far does that apply?」

「To be accurate he has a skill called "Long distance immunity" desu. It isn't a matter of how effective it is, if it is a long distance attack, nothing will work against him desu」

「I want to clarify the definition of long distance, is it an absolute thing?」

「Yes desu」

「Then how about short distance? For example if he were to be hit by crow bars?」

「That will not do desu, his body will be violently damaged desu」

Yurikago makes a pale face and began to tremble.

「…….Does he have a method to deal with those kind's of attacks?」

「Taiyou-chan desuka? Ummm, get them before they get him desuka?」

「……」

Whilst advancing her path through the woods, Yurikago had a frown on her face.

When everything was put together, she concluded that Taiyou was in an extraordinary pinch right now. Yurikago instinctively thought "is he alright?".

「He should be alright desuyo〜, his mind is still clear, nanodesuyo 」

「I, I'm not asking because I'm worried okay」

「Is that so nanodesu?」

「Isn't it natural」

Yurikago spoke in a tight tone of voice as if she wanted to get past the subject. And once again looking at the carefree Hera flying around her, she asked another question.

「By the way, when you said that he's fine, what exactly did you mean?…… do you mean that he was able to successfully buy us time?」

Yurikago spoke as if she needed an explanation.

「Yes desu, it's because he's Taiyou-chan desukara〜」

「What do you mean?」

「It's because he's my Taiyou-chan, thats why… it's because he was putting on a show and looking cool as he declared to Yurikago-chan that he would buy us time, therefore, he definitely will be fine desuyo〜」

「…..That's it?」

「Yes desu〜」

「Hang on one minute, isn't there something more? Doesn't he have more special skills perhaps? Or special ideas?」

「Special skills?」

Hera inclines her neck and was in thought. The face that appeared naturally after, implied that there was no other special skill.

「……」

She halted her movements instinctively, and looked at Hera with eyes of complete astonishment.

"Believe in others required no reasoning"……Although that kind of thinking may be nice

to hear, Yurikago was by no means that kind of person. For her, in order to believe in something, there needed to be a good reason. If there was a clear reason to it, she was the type of person who could believe in anyone, however, believing in a person based purely on faith was something she absolutely could not do.

「What's wrong desuka〜? If we don't escape quickly, we will be in trouble desu」

「……」

「Yurikago-chan?」

Yurikago was hesitating. After getting out of the hole in the wall and escaping, it was the first time she turned around. The wall was now far enough that it was completely covered by the trees. Beyond the wall, there was Taiyou, who in order to buy her time, was sacrificing his body. The fact that there has been no sign of pursuers arriving means that, whatever he was doing, he was succeeding in halting their movements.

However, the success of the plan had no relation with how safe, he was right now. No in fact, it was an inverse relation. Almost like the stories whereby, the General of the Army has the duty of holding off the rear, whilst the lord escapes.

「—-tsu」

She grinded her teeth together, and reflexively curled her hand into a fist.

Even more than before, the memory card in her hand emphasized its importance once again. In the present state, it was the thing that could not be captured by the enemy.

「Yurikago-chan?」

「…….It's nothing. Let's go」

Yurikago shook her head. She turned her back from the direction of the wall and started to walk again.

Holding back her emotions which was in conflict, she turned her eyes away. With a single intent, she advanced and advanced forwards.

Rustling sounds.

Suddenly, there was a sound of something moving that was not the sound of her footsteps. As if a person was hiding within the grassy bushes, there was an unnatural sound of shaking leaves.

Yurikago halts her movements and glared at the grassy place.

「You, did you bring anything?」

「An item desuka? I didn't bring anything desuyo〜?」

「…….Then what about if I threw an item away, could you pursue it and confirm where it fell?」

「If that's the case, I can do it desu〜」

Yurikago nodded expressionlessly, and she thought that if worse comes to shove, she would throw away the memory stick in her hands and hide it amongst the bushes, and she

could then retrieve it tomorrow or the day after as long as she had the location.

And, she continued to stare at the thicket.

「Puu, hah…… The air….is…deli,cious」

What appeared was a young maiden with abnormally white skin and hair wearing a black lacy dress.

Shirokiyami was there.

「You, why are you here?」

Yurikago was caught off guard, and Shirkoyami casually approaches her.

「I found–you. I've come to, pick you–up」

「Pick me up?」

「Yea. I thought that…..thing kind of thing might—happen」

Shirokiyami says this, as her white long hair that reaches the back of her knee flutters, and she turned her body around.

「Let's–go」

「Wait」

Shirokiyami stops moving forward, and only her neck turns to look, with a face that said "???".

「Are you cooperating with me?」

「To be accurate…..I'm cooperating with—him」

「That's also fine, to what extent are you willing to help?」

「I'm being employed by him, so….it's a daily–thing」

「In order for me to go ahead, he is staying behind and in danger. What about instead of helping me escape, you save him instead?」

「If….a bonus is—paid」

「10 million, I will pay it」

「Ok–ay」

Saying this Shirokiyami turns around in the direction in which Yurikago came from, and ran like the wind.

Though Shirokiyami returned towards the wall, all she could see was a mountain of corpses piled up, and the appearance of Taiyou who was standing on top with a dignified appearance.

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Chapter 42: Peerless Might Begin!

High walls at least several meters high surrounded the facility, Taiyou created a huge hole in the wall and allowed Yurikago to escape to the other side of the woods.

At the research facility —- From here on out, in order to create a big disturbance, Taiyou was standing in a daunting pose whilst blocking the path through the hole. It was all in order to buy time for Yurikago. His face revealed a determined expression and a dignified appearance. With such a determined gazed that filled his eyes with light, he met Kohaku's eye's glance by chance.

「You should also get behind me and please hide」

「You don't have to worry about defending someone like me, in fact, wouldn't it be better for you if you used me as a shield or as some kind of hostage?」

「If we are talking about using you as a hostage…. Then all the more reason for you to be safe and sound until that time」

「I understand, that also makes sense」

She nods and just like Taiyou told her… or not…. she moved towards his front, and just like that she jumped into his embrace. Because of her low height, with his hands on her waist, it looked as if a little child was clinging on to one's parents.

「Kohaku-san?」

「Umu?」

「May I ask? What are you doing? 」

「What, it's not something you need to be concerned about, when the fight starts, I will be sure to part away. Even if I look like this, I'm actually really good at the timing of separating」

「If you at the age of 87 years old, did not have a good discernment, it would be a serious matter! Wait no, what I mean to say is, why are you clinging on to me?」

「I can only answer your question like a mountain climber, will that be alright?」

「I don't need to hear it! Thing's like because there is a waist to climb and what not?!」

「That's a little incorrect, it's because there is a crotch there—」

「Too much information!」

Taiyou raises his voice and interrupts her statement. At this moment, all that chivalrous light and dignified appearance he had was blown away.

「What kind of reason is that?」

「For a woman to seek out a man, what other greater reason would one need?」

「No no no」

「Aren’t you happy being treated like this?」

Whilst still clinging on to his waist, Kohaku watched his eyes with an upturned glance. Her eyes that were filled with depth over the years, continued to stare at him. Seeing her adorable glance, Taiyou could not help but to avert his eyes.

「Th–that kind of topic, is not something we should be worried about right now, right?」

「Kukuku, for me, now is as good a time as any. By the way, I’m really happy, to be able to stay like this with you」

Kohaku was smiling as she said this. Her smile was such a gentle and beautiful smile, that it makes one forget her young external appearance.

「You are…」

「Eh?」

「You’re body temperature is really high, isn’t it? Your body and also your hands. It feels so warm I feel like it could burn my skin. There is a theory that people with warm hands have really cold hearts, but what about you I wonder?」

「Your hands are quite cold though」

Taiyou counter attacks.

「Umu, even though it’s early summer, I am in lightly dressed clothes, that’s why」

Kohaku doesn’t hesitate and immediately gives a response. She pressed her body even closer against him, as if implicitly saying that she wanted to warm her cold body with his. Taiyou heart was beating fast. Feelings that would never be felt if the other party was a genuine little girl started to resurface. He began to remember the hot throbbing feeling he had in his chest and groin area. Although he was on the brink of feeling inclined to take action…….The situation did not give him sufficient time to act any further.

「They’ve arrived」

Kohaku mutters softly, whilst Taiyou immediately nods his head. The voices and the sound of footsteps got louder and louder as people approached from within the research facility. Before long, one person after another appeared from the sides and the front of the building, as they began to surround Taiyou from all sides.

Taiyou had his back towards the wall, and large men in black clothing surrounded him in a semicircle. In the middle of them, there was a man with a handsome face, he was wearing glasses and looked like the intellectual type.

The others seem to be looking towards him and consulting with the man in glasses as if taking orders from him. From an outsider’s point of view, it was obvious that the man in glasses was their leader. The man took one step forward and began to speak.

「My name is Juniishima Kaizen」

The man who introduces himself as Kaizen had an arrogant attitude as if he declaring that he was the best. Having heard this particular name, seemed like these days, he was hearing

this name every single day.

「Juniishima…..」

At the man who introduced himself as such, Taiyou muttered back. Having let Yurikago escape beforehand was the right decision after all. And once again, he resolved himself to buying enough time for Yurikago to escape completely.

「I am—」

「I already know, you are Natsuno Taiyou, right?」

He was about to follow Kaizen's example of introducing himself in the most arrogant tone, however, before he could do so, Kaizen had already cut him off.

「Muu」

「And the person behind you, is Asumaya Kohaku, one of the people who is supposed to be cooperating with the research done here」

「Umu, you may call me Kohaku-tan」

Kohaku was saying this in a teasing manner.

「Ko–」

Being flustered at Kohaku's words Kaizen cleared his throat and looked around the vicinity.

「By the way, there was supposed to be another one, the girl where is she? Don't tell me that she escaped using the hole behind you?」

「What are you talking about?」

「……..I see, I will change my question……Where is Sakura-san right now?」

Hearing Kaizen's question, Taiyou blanked out momentarily.

He already anticipated various questions that he would be asked, and already prepared answers to them in his head, however, getting asked about the whereabouts of Sakura was completely outside of his assumptions. Why Kaizen would ask about Sakura's whereabouts was something Taiyou was not completely sure of at this point in time, for now, he was going to play dumb whilst seeing the situation, in order to buy more time.

「Sakura? Who are you talking about?」

「Please don't pretend to be stupid, I already know that you attacked the Juniishima residence this morning, and that you have kidnapped Sakura. I will ask you one more time, Where is she?」

「The mansion? Sakura? What have you been talking about since a while ago?」

「……Just how far are you going to pretend not to know?」

「Thing's I don't know cannot be helped, it's quite simple」

「Then, I will ask you this. Why did you come into this research facility?」

「Oh, it's about that?」(Kohaku speaking)

Instead of Taiyou replying, Kohaku who was still clinging to his waist even now began to talk.

「When a man and woman, tries to avoid attention in the middle of the night as their bodies are sticking together… Seeing this, are you so stupid that you don't understand the meaning behind it?」

「You're trying to say that, you are having a secret date?」

「Would it be better if I said we were having sex?」

「Se—」

Kaizen's face turned bright red.

「Kukuku, you so naive aren't you. Are you a virgin? No looking at that expression, not to mention kissing, I bet that you haven't even held hands with a girl, right?」

「Ttthat kind of thing is completely irrelevant!」

「Kukuku」

Although she was laughing, she did not pursue the issue.

Kaizen was desperately trying to regain his composure, and instead of Kohaku, he asked Taiyou a question.

「This is the last time I will ask, where did you hide Sakura-san?」

「I can't tell you thing's I don't know, haven't I already said this?」

Taiyou answered.

「I understand, in that case, after capturing you two, we will slowly find it out later. In addition, we will make sure to get the other woman who escaped through that hole」

Saying this, Kaizen turned his gaze towards the hole.

「After capturing her. I wonder which of you three will, break down and confess first?」

Saying this, Kaizen raised his hand.

Was that the signal? All his subordinates immediately reacted and moved forwards together.

「Please stand away from me」

「Umu」

Kohaku quickly leaves Taiyou's embrace and moves behind him. Although there was a little sense of loss, there was no room for him to deeply think about it. Taiyou glared at the men who was approaching. It was exactly like those glares that a sumo wrestler would have before clashing into each other.

With that, he charged into them at full speed alone. The men he ran towards was seemingly experienced in Judo and was attempting to catch Taiyou in those type of grappling movements. Taiyou as if reacting to the other party extended his hands and entangled finger with finger grappling each other.

「Nun!」

Along with his war cry, he put power into his hands. His power which was at level 7 was used without restraint, and soon after the sound of cracking knuckles was heard, it was followed by the scream of the men in black.

In the moment they linked hands, Taiyou grasped his opponent with enough force to crush his fingers and bones using his super human power.

「……I can do this」

He grabbed on the legs of the man who was now crouching down in pain whilst gripping his hands, and lifted him straight into the air. Even though the man was built like a pro wrestler, Taiyou easily carried him off the ground as if he was as light as some Styrofoam.

Just like that, he flung the man towards the clumped up group. His opponents could not react to the flying man, and was caught up in the impact as they all fell down noisily.

Even when the men were being all noisy, Taiyou silently approached them.

This was the first time he felt the euphoric sense of battle. It was the primitive euphoric feeling of a man that was exercising violence.

「D–Do it!」

Kaizen was flustered and quickly ordered his men to get up, with his order, the men all flung themselves towards Taiyou.

A fiendish smile floated across his face as he gleefully turned to meet his enemies head on. (**Novel Illustration: Kaizen v Taiyou**)

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Chapter 43: Combat Cheat

There was a certain euphoria in wielding such overwhelming might. If you were to compare it to the games he loved, it would be akin to raising his level, finding the best party and then challenging the hardest boss in the last dungeon, not only that, without creating any tactics and just using pure force of strength and skill, they could mow down the final boss, it was akin to that kind of exhilarating sensation.

It has been said that when someone experiences such a strong feeling, they would also realize that there was an empty void in their heart. However in Taiyou's case, there was only a pure pleasant feeling to it.

Carrying a man who is at least 100 Kilo's and then throwing them out towards the group of enemies. The result is the entanglement of humans as they rattled down into the floor, as if they were human bowling targets.

「Ev-everyone attack together!」

Although Kaizen's instructions were spoken with a flustered tone, an order is an order. With that single phrase, five men immediately rushed forwards together this time. Taiyou ran up to meet them head on. Taking a small side step Taiyou turned to his side and…

Dosu!

A dull thud resounded, as Taiyou landed a body blow directly in the pit of the man's stomach. The man's body convulsed to form a "〈" character as he crawled in pain along the floor, in the next instant, his legs were pulled above the ground as much as one meter in the air. Furthermore it continued to rise in speed. In that instant, a particular technique popped out in Taiyou's mind. If it's me right now I can do it! He gripped the man's foot and places it firmly in his grasp, He then grabbed both the man's ankles and placed them beneath his armpit.

「UOhhhhhhh!」

Taiyou released a war cry which began to echo in the surroundings. It was like a roar of a fierce animal, the four other men who heard this froze their footsteps being overpowered by the pressure. Taiyou started to rotate his body whilst still holding on to the man's feet.

Giant Swing.

At first glance, this kind of move seemed easy to perform, however, a person in this world who could actually perform this move satisfactorily hardly exists. The ideal type of result when using this type of technique is that the body of the other party must be swung fast enough yet still maintain a horizontal degree of elevation.

In reality when the average person tried to perform this move, at best the others party head is close to the ground, or in the case where the person is unskilled, the head of the person being thrown would be grazed across the ground as they rotated

In short many people were short in terms of the amount of strength required, However Taiyou was in an excess in that power! It was the herculean strength he already acquired when reaching level 7. It was the same as making that man into a bat, and he was swinging it in an exemplar fashion using a horizontal swing that would put the youthful baseball team to shame.

Zing! Zing! Pow! Gusha!

The sound of the man's scream and the sound of the wind as he was swung……in addition to the sound of flesh collapsing mixed with the sound of bones getting crushed. With a huge mass of meat as his weapon, the other four people were blown away.

「Doooooryaaaa!」

After blowing away all the men in black, he did one more rotation to finish it. Taiyou threw away the lump of meat…..directly at the group of people.

Zuzazazaza. Like a rippling effect of a skidding stone going across the water, the second strike created a sand cloud in the area.

「Wh-what what the hell is this?! Who the hell are you?!」

The cool and intelligent atmosphere Kaizen had moments ago was but a fleeting memory, and it was replaced with a hysterical voice. At this point in time, neither he nor his subordinates had any more nerve to challenge Taiyou. When witnessing the overwhelming power Taiyou showed, this was the result.

After throwing away the second person, Taiyou gazes at his palm, and thinks back to the feeling that remains.

「Ahh……..」

A voice of wonder leaked out instinctively.

It feels good, it feels really good, this feels extremely good.

Wielding this strength was like an aphrodisiac for Taiyou and it was almost akin to a kind of sexual arousal. In a certain meaning, this is the first time that Taiyou clearly felt the results of raising his level. Being able to single-handedly attack the other party in combat, has increased his primal male urge of aggression.

「Fu……」

Whilst floating a thin smile across his face, Taiyou walks towards the men.

Za, Za, Za……

For Taiyou he was merely casually walking towards them, however, each step he took, pushed the men backwards towards a wall as if cornering them to retreat.

「M–monster…..!」

It smelled like someone pissed their pants…In that instant, the smell became a trigger for fear, and that fear infected the others in an explosive fashion. For now, the men managed to remain still, however if he took one more imposing step, without a doubt they would run and scatter away like little spiders in all directions. The thing that stopped them from

breaking down, was after all, the words from their leader Kaizen.

「Wh-what are you all doing?! Isn't it just one person? That's right…Everyone get your weapons out and attack him at once!」

Kaizen's words were without a doubt filled with fear…..However his orders were orders.

「U, Uwaaaaaaaah!」

「Grrrahhh!」

As if squeezing out, two men raised their voices.

The two people scatter left and right, as they sprang forth to attack Taiyou from both sides.

They both had some sort of baton with them in their hands as they took a big swing towards Taiyou.

Doka! Baki!

Taiyou avoided their swings, and counterattacked them both with his fist. The first person got hit directly in the head, as he spun three times like a pin wheel, after which his face hit the ground, the other person guarded the punch with a cross guard and both his arms were crushed like a ping pong ball as he flew away.

「Hiiiiiiii」

It was to that extent. Their efforts for battle only amounted to that much. From then on out, what remained was a one-sided show of violence where Taiyou remained the unrivalled victor. They were ruled by fear as they stood up straight. Taiyou rushes in and without giving them any time to breathe, the other party was made to surrender with his overwhelming power.

one person, another person, and another. The men were noisily beaten down.

All of them were knocked out with a single strike. All of the men who were hit was blown off by the power, and even those that attempted to guard his strike got their arms pulverized. On the other hand, Taiyou was completely uninjured. The person who moves first is the victor. Because he knocked them all out in one blow before they had the chance to retaliate, he doesn't receive any damage.

It was like a scene of an evil fairy that trampled down a town and its inhabitants without giving them a chance to retaliate. Even so, no matter what, Taiyou did not stop.

Hit, and knock them down.

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And soon after, defeating all those men, he noticed that the only one left standing was Kaizen.

「Now then, there's only you left」

「Hii!」

Kaizen twitched as fear ruled over his body. His foot was trembling and his teeth was also

clattering. He was barely able to keep standing. Whilst still having a thin smile over his face, Taiyou approaches him.

「D-don’t come any closer, don’t come nearby!」

「……」

Even so, Taiyou approaches silently. Kaizen steps backwards shrinking away, he stumbles and lands on his bottom. Even so he crawls away along the ground in an ungraceful manner as he tries to run away. Taiyou chases after him silently. Each step causing pressure to Kaizen.

「U, Uwaaaaa」

Releasing a shriek, Kaizen took out his gun and aimed it at Taiyou. Although the muzzle of the gun was aimed towards Taiyou, it is likely that he never shot a gun before, he was holding it in a haphazard fashion.

「St-stop! If you don’t stop I will shoot!」

「……」

「Don’t move!!!」

Bang!

A gunshot resounds. The bullet was fired at close range and aimed straight towards Taiyou’s chest. As expected with such a close distance, the bullet was shot accurately to the heart. A blow that would prove fatal.

That is, if Taiyou was a normal person. Taiyou was different, he who received a bullet to the heart had no reaction whatsoever. Long Distance Invalidation, with this skill, he completely nullified the lethal weapon known as a bullet.

The bullet that hits falls harmlessly to the floor as it bounces of Taiyou’s chest and into the ground. Seeing this, the level of panic increased even further for Kaizen.

「Uw, Uwahhhhhhh!」

Bang! Bang! Bang bang bang bang bang!

Multiple shots were fired out continuously. Even if all of those hit, as expected Taiyou was still unharmed.

「Wh-what are you?! What are you?!」

Kaizen became half crazed as he continued to scream. Taiyou mowed down all of his subordinates, and on top of that bullets don’t even work on him. In front of Kaizen, the only thing he could see was a monster in the shape of a human.

Being too overconfident that he had the advantage, Kaizen was way too careless.

「D-don’t move!」

A voice was heard from the other direction. When he turned around, there was one of the men, who took Kohaku as a hostage. (**Novel Illustration: Taiyou Combat Cheat**)

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Chapter 44: Counterattack

Taiyou turned around and loses the smile on his face. What he saw in front of him was a man, with a swollen face, and Kohaku who was being restrained by the man. Out of the subordinates that were brought along by Kaizen, this man was tall and solidly built, he could easily be classified as a “big grunt” type of person. On the other hand, Kohaku had the average constitution of a ten year old girl.

They had such a huge difference in their physique, the man had his arms around Kohaku’s neck, and it seemed like he was in a position to snap off her neck at any moment. To put it quite simply, they were in a pinch—

「Don- don’t move!」

The man’s voice was shaking. Even though he was supposed to be in a dominant position, it could not be helped that he was scared out of his wits, as just moments before, the person he was threatening wiped out dozens of his comrades with unparalleled strength.

Even if he had a hostage with him, it was quite visible that the fear of Taiyou still remained firmly embedded within his eyes. Taiyou slowly turned around his body to face him.

「I told you not to movee!」

「Uuu……」

The shrill and nervous voice of the man, was followed by Kohaku’s anguished voice. The man strengthened the force of his grip, the pressure on her throat increased and Kohaku looked like she was in a lot of pain.

「If you move any further, I don’t know what I might do!」

「……..」

「You’ve done well Oshita. Now then, bring the girl and come over here」

「Yes sir」

The man called Oshita was restraining Kohaku as he moved around Taiyou in a big circle whilst never taking his sight off him. The man slowly headed towards Kaizen in this manner.

「…….To take such a young girl as a hostage, don’t you feel embarrassed?」

「That kind of provocation won’t work」

Compared with Oshita’s manner of speaking, Kaizen had regained a lot of composure to

his tone of voice. He was so flustered just moments ago, and it seemed as if it was all just a lie.

「I already know that as part of the Eternally Little, her appearance doesn't match her age. Azumaya Kohaku, she is one of the oldest people taking part in this project, and she is 87 years of age. She is most definitely not the "young" person you claim her to be」

「In that case, I will paraphrase it, don't you respect your elders?」

「I already told you that such cheap provocations won't work against me…..Oshita」

「Yes!」

「So that she has no chance of escaping. Use something to bind her」

「Roger that!」

Kaizen had a gloating smile on his face after hearing Oshita's acknowledgement.

Meanwhile, Taiyou's eyes met Kohaku's. Perhaps it was because she had already lived for 87 years….and the fact that she lived in the most turbulent period in this country's history. Although she had her neck completely restrained by a big and brawny arm, and whilst she did have a look of discomfort on her face, her eyes showed no fear.

On the contrary, her eyes were looking straight at Taiyou as if she was trying to urge him to do something. What she wanted to tell him, was something Taiyou could not figure out. The amount of time he has known Kohaku did not pass a period of three hours, being able to communicate with tacit understanding or by using eye contact was not something he could do with her at this point in time.

Moreover, even if Kohaku wanted him to do something. Taiyou's objective hasn't really changed, and in fact the situation right now was convenient for him. This was his thoughts.

「I will ask you the same question as before, where is Sakura-san?」

「……She isn't here」

Taiyou pretended to yield Kaizen as though he was reluctant.

「I already know that. What I want to know is, where did you put her?」

「I don't know, because that task…Was given to someone else」

「A detached force?」

「Ahh, I barely know her, her name is Shirokiyami, a Goth Loli girl. She is the one who took Sakura」

「Mu」

Kaizen's face became stiff. Kaizen also knew of the fact that Taiyou attacked the Juunishima mansion with Shirokiyami, so he easily believed in the words. But then again, this was not that far from the truth anyways.

「When will….You get in touch with each other, where will you meet?」

「I also don't know that, the arrangement was that when I escaped from the facility, the

other party would come to meet me」

「…..Are you telling me that Shirokiyami is the mastermind behind this? No, Shirokiyami doesn't have her own set of principles, she is merely guided by money. It is certain that there is someone controlling her from behind the scenes…」

Kaizen was grumbling to himself.

「Kaizen-sama, what should we do?」

「……First of all, wake up all the members」

「Yes!」

Oshita was waking up his colleagues whilst still restraining Kohaku.

The men Taiyou put down took a huge amount of damage, and they were unable to get up. Rather than saying that they would get up. Most of the men had their bones shattered and it would not be strange if they had to quit their jobs and go to the hospital to recover for several months

Out of the dozens that were on the floor, there was only about five people that could get up including Oshita. The five of them had a relatively minor injury compared to the others as they stood in front of Kaizen and waited for orders. Meanwhile, Oshita ties Kohaku arms behind her back with ropes he found somewhere and gags her mouth.

「Natsuno Taiyou, I will also have you become one of the hostages」

「Me as well?」

「Yeah, I will have you and Azumaya Kohaku become hostages to exchange with Sakura-san」

「…..I see」

「Bind him with ropes as well」

「Yes sir!」

The four men respond to orders and moved forwards in Taiyou's direction. Although he was about to be constrained, Taiyou did not panic. This was also not too far from what he wanted to accomplish. Having Yurikago get far enough by gaining her more time to escape was his main objective. That's why although his face looked sour on the outside, on the inside he was snickering at them.

However, in the next moment, the calm atmosphere was blown away.

Gotsuu!

A dull sound resounded, and his field of vision turned white. For a moment his consciousness flew, Taiyou could not understand what was happening. The first thing he understood when he gradually regained his thoughts, was that he was on the ground, and some of the dirt had entered his mouth. And the fact that he was hit in the back of the head took him a few more seconds to realize.

「This punk! How dare he attack us a while ago!」

「Arrogant little shit!」

「Take this! and this!」

The men were viciously beating on him as if they were releasing all that pent up anger that they've built up until now.

「Kuu—」

In order to brush away their strikes, Taiyou got up. Taiyou instinctively made a fist and took on a fighting pose.

「Don't move! Don't you care what happens to her?」

Oshita once again reminded him, as he used his rugged hands to grip Kohaku's windpipe. His massive hands against the small Kohaku. If he put in a little strength to his grip, it seemed like her throat would snap.

「……..」

Taiyou silently opens his fist, and straightens up. It was the kind of pose that showed how a child would be subservient to their father.

「Oraaa!」

In order to make sure he wasn't going to rebel, one of the men threw a fist right at Taiyou. The punch that comes to the side of his face was a clean hit, and Taiyou once again fell towards the ground.

And then, the four men started to kick Taiyou relentlessly one after another. All of them were throwing their anger towards Taiyou.

「Leave it at that. Hurry up and tie him up」

「Yes sir!」

At Kaizen's words, although the men seemed slightly dissatisfied, they had more or less released some of their resentment and so they did as they were ordered and restrained Taiyou. His body was propped up, and just like Kohaku previously, his hands were tied behind his back. In addition to that, they took out metallic handcuffs and restrained him with it as well. And just to add a little more assurance, they gave Taiyou a body blow right into the pit of his stomach.

In that moment, there was a metallic taste of iron leaking out from the depths of his throat. He endured it and swallowed it back down. The men pulled Taiyou along and returned to Kaizen's side.

「Kaizen-sama, what should we do about the woman who escaped?」

「Umu?」

Kaizen nods and looks towards the hole in the wall.

「…..Just leave her be, considering the fact that we have two trump cards in our hands, it will be more than enough. More importantly, you guys need to watch these two closely, so that they do not escape」

「Yes sir!」

「Oshita, come and follow me」

「Roger!」

Saying this, Kaizen brought along Oshita and went somewhere. The only ones left here was Taiyou and Kohaku who was both gagged and restrained, along with the four men. Taiyou and Kohaku were exchanging glances, and even though she was trying to tell him something, as per usual, he had no idea what she wanted to convey to him.

However, the one thing he did manage to figure out that she was worried about his body condition. Her expression was a little different from a while ago, because her eye brows were frowning and her eyes were wavering.

Taiyou was broadly smiling, as he incessantly blinked his eyes open and shut. “Don’t worry about me”, is what he wanted to tell her. Perhaps the meaning was conveyed, because Kohaku’s face seemed a little bit more relieved.

Knowing that she was so worried about him, Taiyou’s heart felt full of warmth. Having someone else be so worried about him, was something he hardly experienced until now.

「Hey, you guys, I don’t think Kaizen-sama will return anytime soon. Then, don’t you think it should be fine?」

「You rascal, are you going to do it again? You Lolicon!」

Taiyou was locking eyes with Kohaku, when he heard an unbelievable vocabulary being mentioned.

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Chapter 45: According to Kurosu-chan: Lolita complex is a Sickness

「Takayama, are you being serious right now?」

One of the men questioned Takayama, he clearly had eyes filled with contempt.

「Going after loli's is a crime you know?」

「Besides, isn't it disgusting to even think of such a thing?」

「Isn't it fine? I'm not causing any trouble for you guys, why do you guys care so much about my preferences?」

「The fact that a colleague of mine, is a lolicon that in itself is causing trouble for me」

「Just endure it for gods sake」

Several of the men were admonishing the lolicon. However, the lolicon continued to stare at Kohaku with bloodshot eyes.

「I mean come on, look at what she's wearing. I can't hold myself back. Guy's tell me the truth, if a woman of your type were to wear this kind of see-through clothing, whilst she's loitering around, you guy's wouldn't be able to hold yourselves back, am I right?」

「That is…..」

「That's true I suppose」

The three other people looked at each other and came to the same conclusion. What the lolicon guy said had some truth in it. It was certain that Kohaku's current getup was outrageously seductive and bewitching. Her black see-through clothes made her completely visible and it was not something suitable unless you were about to go to sleep.

「I understand」

After a short period of time, one of the men nodded.

「O, oi, is it really okay to let him?」

「It can't be helped right? If we don't let this fellow do his thing it looks like he's about to explode any minute now」

「Ahh…..It seem's that way」

「Oi, we don't know when Kaizen-sama will return. If you are going to do it, you better get it done with in less than 3 minutes」

「I got it」

The lolicon man was overjoyed as he nodded ecstatically and made his way towards Kohaku. A lewd smile floated across his face, he began to lick his lips, as his hands wandered around in a indecent manner.

「——」

Kohaku twisted and writhed around, as her eyebrows creased severely.

That was when I met her gaze. Her pupils seemed to appeal for something as it wavers and it feels like she's about to burst into tears at any moment. I began to imagine, her being taken away by the Lolicon man, and something…….happens to her. No! I don't want to see that happen, I can't see that kind of scene……I don't even want to imagine it.

「—— ! 」

As he thought such things, something inside Taiyou snapped.

He who was being docile until moments ago put power into both his arms, as he opened both his left and right hands. When he did, a Pachin! sound could be heard and soon consecutive buchi! buchi! sounds started to echo. It was the sound of his metal handcuffs cracking under the pressure and the ropes around his body ripping free.

「Impossible—」

Taiyou did not give the lolicon man an opportunity to say any more words than that. Taiyou postpones taking off his gag, as he pulled his right hand back and let it shoot like an arrow towards the man.

Zudoooooon!

Although his fist connected with the belly of the man, what resounded was an explosive sound. The man he hit flew away about 30 meters.

The man who got hit by Taiyou's fist reacted just like he got hit by a speeding truck. His body which tumbled unto the ground started to twitch and convulse and after a few moments there was absolutely no sign of movements any longer.

「Wait」

「Here is—-」

「Guwaaah!」

Taiyou easily pulls and tears up his mouth gag after which he knocked down the three men in quick succession. Then he slowly turned around and went towards Kohaku as he gently tore up the ropes which bound her body.

「Kohaku-san……」

「Are you, alright nojya?」

「Eh?」

「You got hit by them so much, does your body hurt?」

「Eh? ahh, you don't have to worry about me. No more importantly, Kohaku-san what

about you?」

「You don’t have to worry about me, as you can see I’m completely fine. I am not such a weak minded person to be damaged just from the attempt to harm me, neither will I lose any sleep over it」

「Yeah……」

「Leaving that aside, how about you….? Muu, they were so excessive, your face is considerably swollen」

「I’m alright」

「What a little bit」

Kohaku said this as she pulled on her skirt and ripped a part of it. Even before doing this, she already looked really erotic, after ripping the hem of her skirt, she looked even more amorous. Taiyou instinctively becomes embarrassed as he could no longer look straight at her.

「Come and face towards me nojya」

Kohaku holds onto his face and made it turn towards her by force. And with the fabric she tore off, she began to gently wipe his face.

「You’ve lost quite a bit of blood, haven’t you?」

「Truly, I’m alright, so…」

Taiyou utters as he grasped her hand. Looking at her any longer and gazing at each other’s face was making him feel embarrassed. That’s why he grabbed her arm, but it had the opposite effect.

Before, they were just gazing into each other’s eyes, now on top of that they were holding each other’s hands. It was as if he was about to go in for the kiss, that kind of posture.

「……」

「……」

The two were at a loss for words. They were just watching each other meeting eye to eye. Kohaku gently shuts her eyes. Naturally, Taiyou brought his face closer. Like a magnet being attracted to each other, their lips approached each other. And just like it was the most natural thing in the world, as their lips were about to touch, in that moment—

「Taiyou-chan〜」

「—tsu」

A voice was heard from a long distance away, it seemed infinitely cheerful. When he turned around, he could see Hera flying from the other side of the hole.

「Hera, and even…..You guy’s as well」

Taiyou was surprised, behind Hera was Juniishima Yurikago and if he wasn’t mistaken Shirokiyami was also standing there. The girls looked at Taiyou with a face full of surprise.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, what were you doing just then〜?」

「Eh? No I wasn't doing anything」

Taiyou was being evasive. In more ways than one….he thought that he needed to evade the question.

「More importantly, why are you guys here…..? Why did you come here?」

As he said this, he looked towards Shirokiyami's direction. Besides the fact that Yurikago had returned, he was even more surprised that Shirokiyami was here.

「I thought that….Something like this, might happen」

「You aren't going to tell me that, your surname is actually Sanada, right?!」(Reference to Sanada Yukimura some even called him the "Number one warrior in Japan")

「It's a shame, Mn, it is….n,ot」

Shirokiyami's eyes which were boundlessly deep stared at Yurikago.

「I was…Em. Ployed—」

「Let's move on!」

Yurikago suddenly shouted in a loud voice, cutting off whatever Shirokiyami was about to say. Perhaps it was because she ran back here? Her face was faintly red as it flushes.

「Let's get out of here」

「Ah, Ahh, then I will remain here」

「That's enough from you! Shirokiyami will act as the rear guard」

「Additional fee's, will..apply」

「I'll pay you 100,000, that will suffice right?」(TL: doesn't say if it's in yen or USD, guessing it's in Yen though so that's around 1,000 USD)

「….It's enough, it's more than, enough, nn」

Shirokiyami seemed like she wanted to say something else. Taiyou wondered whether this 100,000 figure represented something else for the girls. He recalls the conversation of her wage being at 40,000 yen per hour and thought that there may be some relation to it as he tilted his head in confusion.

Because he didn't know the main point, his imaginations were completely off the mark. Though she reacts in this manner, Shirokiyami turns around silently as she stared at the facility, just like Taiyou was doing previously.

「Alright, in the meantime, we should escape」

「Is it really okay?」

「That girl right now….she is at least 100 times stronger than the current you. Alright, so come on let's go already」

「Taiyou-chan, we need to go〜」

「It's the legendary Shirokiyami, it will be fine to leave it to her jyaro」

The three girls talked as they tried to persuade Taiyou.

Taioyu thought for a moment before deciding that it was the best course of action.

「In that case, I will rely on you」

「It’s for….my salary」

「Guys!」

At Yurikago’s urging, Taiyou went through the hole he made himself. Yurikago took the lead as she guided them through the woods that had no visible pathways. Taiyou quietly watches Yurikago’s back.

「Thank you」 he said.

「Wha, what for–」

「You came back to rescue me right? Thank you, you saved me」

「It-it’s not really for your sake… Kohaku-san is an important cooperator, so I only returned to help her, g-got it?」

「Kukuku, I am indebted to you nojya」

「She’s so shy〜」

Both Hera and Kohaku was laughing at Yurikago.

「Even so, I am really thankful」

「……..Hmph」

Kohaku snuffles like a spoiled child as she turned the other way. Taiyou followed Yurikago and together with the girls, they safely got out of the woods.

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Chapter 46: Uninvited Visitor

「Let’s split up here」

After getting out of the woods and going far enough that you couldn’t even see the research facility any longer, Yurikago stopped her footsteps turned to face Taiyou and said that. When Yurikago halted so suddenly Taiyou was still in mid run. So they had a slight distance between them.

「You want to separate, here?」

「Yeah. Coming this far it’s already quite safe, rather than being with you」

「…….Ahh, I suppose so」

Yurikago was speaking in a roundabout way. Taiyou thinks for a little while and comes to the conclusion that her words were reasonable. In the current state, the wanted people who were being chased after were probably Taiyou and Kohaku.

Although it was known that there was another accomplice, Yurikago had always hidden her identity since the beginning, and the Juniishima clan never discovered who third party was. On the other hand since Taiyou attacked the Juniishima residence, he has always been marked as one of the direct perpetrators.

If anyone was going to be chased from here on out, it would be Taiyou. A means to an end, the ideology that Taiyou liked to follow, if he were to apply that train of thought here, than the correct course of action would be to keep away from Yurikago in this situation. Yurikago implied this vaguely, but Taiyou understood her intentions and agreed to her idea.

「Didn’t your figure get captured by one of the camera’s in the facility, are you sure it will be alright jya?」

「They didn’t capture my face, so as long as I am not connected to you guys any longer and I return to the Juniishima clan as Yurikago Juniishima, they won’t be able to link me to the scene…That is, as long as none of you say a word about this」

「I see, so I guess there is no problems whatsoever」

Taiyou nods.

Although Taiyou was nodding his head, on the other hand, he was also feeling a reluctance to part. But he pushed such thoughts down to the inner depths of his heart.

「Then, I guess our journey ends here」

「Yeah, Thanks to you I was able to obtain the data, and we were able do it without revealing my existence as Yurikago. With this much I should be able to drive the subject in the direction that I want it to proceed. I really appreciate it」

「It's fine, I was also moving in accordance to my own objectives so. I will entrust you with the matter of Kotone and the girls」

「I will make sure that the Juniishima clan will not be able to touch them again. I…..no」

Her words were cut short, she closed her eyes and took a deep breath before speaking to Taiyou again.

「I swear it upon my name, Yurikago」

「Thank you」

After she said her part, Yurikago turned around and started to walk as her thin twin tail hair swung. She resolutely walked away with great posture and a single minded focus. Until her appearance could no longer be seen, she never turned around. When Taiyou watched her walk away, he breathed out a sigh.

「What's wrong nojya?」

「Ahh nah. As I expected she's really well-bred」

This was by no means a lie.

「Umu, the way she carries herself, and those graceful movements are not something one can acquire in a short amount of time」

Kohaku agreed with Taiyou's impression of her. The lolibaba who has lived a full life also seems to notice it.

「I think that it corresponds with how she was so restricted when growing up in life」

「Restricted?」

「It has the meaning of a "bird in a cage". Well…these kinds of things happen quite often in this world」

「A bird in a cage….」

「I don't mind if you sympathize with her, but you should also know that there are some birds who will return to the cage by themselves, after the entrance has already been flung open. Not everyone in this world, wishes to slip out of their cages nojya. There are birds who cannot survive without the cage, and there are also birds who find it more comfortable to live in such a place」

「…..Ah」

「Well, we will meet her again soon enough. Life is unexpectedly long, and at the moment you don't expect it the most, you will probably meet her again nojya」

「When you are the one saying that life is long, it makes it more persuasive」

「I've lived until there isn't many years left in me, so it's natural jyaro」

「There not much left desuka〜?」

Hera asked a thoughtless question. It was almost like she herself was an elderly person, talking to someone in the same situation as her that kind of care-free question.

「Umu, it's as short as a principals morning assembly」

「Isn’t that a considerably long time?!」

「Well the amount of time I’ve lost is plenty enough」

Kohaku was smiling from ear to ear. The two people began toward the opposite direction from where Yurikago was going.

Taiyou and Kohaku was walking in a straight line together, and Hera who was flying around them was bustling about. In this kind of line up, they walked home whilst making idle talk.

Not disregarding the fact that they could be attacked at any moment, Taiyou was alert to his surroundings even as he had a light hearted conversation with the girls. If an enemy were to show up, he was ready to counter attack at once, and in the worst case scenario he would do his everything to at least protect Kohaku from harm.

In the end though, all that vigilance was for naught. It’s not really clear whether that was because Shirokiyami held them back successfully or because of some other unforeseen matter. Although he didn’t know the exact details, they all arrived at Taiyou’s apartment flat without an enemy ever showing up.

「Taiyou-san!」

「Woops!」

As soon as he opened the door to his apartment, the three triplet sisters jumped on him.

The jump by the three girls was almost like a tackle. Although Taiyou was caught off guard, he managed to hold his ground and bring the three girls all in his arms.

「Hou」

Seeing this scene, for some reason or other Kohaku leaked out a voice of admiration.

「I’m sorry, I’ve made you guys wait, are you guys alright?」

「Yes, we are all fine」

「More importantly is Taiyou-san alrig……Hyaa!」

「Wha, what happened to your face?」

「Eh?」

The three sister’s were shocked by the unexpected change. Taiyou was thinking “Let me see…” to himself as he touched his own face.

When he did, he felt the pain again. His face was completely swollen here and there, and his mouth also had a few cuts. Having touched his face, he realized that it was obviously not in a healthy condition, it was quite hot and painful.

This was all the wounds that he got when those men beat him up. Although they were throbbing with pain right now, he thought that it was all worth it for all the things he had been able to accomplish. However, to the three sisters, it didn’t seem like the case.

「Please wait a moment! I will go get the first-aid kit right now!」

「Kaze-chan, there is an egg in the refrigerator right? Can you grab that for us?」

「Okay! I'll get the one with the thickest skin, Suzu-chan, you should let Taiyou-san in quickly」

The three of them were speaking unanimously as they began to move in hurried steps.

Being led by the hand, Suzune brought him inside the room, in the corner of the room, he could see Sakura's appearance who was being gagged and restrained. Incidently, Taiyou had almost forgotten about this fact and before her could think more about what to do, Suzune had already forcefully pushed him towards the bed and made him sit down.

Soon after Kotone arrived with the first aid kit and Kazane arrived with the egg that was already broken somehow.

「This will hurt a little okay? Please bear with it」

Kotone grabs the antiseptic solution from the first aid kit and it was soaked with the absorbent cotton.

「You bought something like a first aid kit for me?」

「Eh? no it was already inside the room」

「Is that so? I don't remember purchasing such a……tsu!」

「S-sorry. Did it hurt?」

「It's alright you don't have to mind it, after all, it stings a little when the solution seeps in」

「I'm sorry, I'll make sure to do it as careful as I can」

「Suzu-chan, can you bring me the membrane skin of the egg please」

「Yeah!」

Both Kazane and Suzune were using the skin of the egg and pasting it over Taiyou's face like a bandaid.

「Wait, what is this? What are you guys doing?」

「This? If you use the membrane of the egg as a bandage and paste it on top of the wounds, it will heal the wound at an extremely fast speed」

「Is that really true?」

「Yes!」

「Hou, for someone so young to know such a thing, quite impressive jya」

Kohaku who was standing a little away from them seemed to have felt a little admiration for their knowledge.

「Did you also know about this Kohaku-san?」(Taiyou speaking)

「Umu, I've read some of the books on medical treatment that has been published before via human experimentation」

「As if that would be allowed to be published?! 」

「It’s a joke. Anyways, I know that originally using the egg was a sort of home remedy, however, it has also been scientifically proven to be effective for practical treatment as well」

「Is that so?」

Taiyou was somewhat relieved that the human experimentation book was a joke and he let the girls treat him. Kotone, Suzune and Kazane. The three sisters were treating his wounds with such a serious face. It was like they were more worried about his injuries than their own, and they treated him with so much care and urgency.

Seeing this scene, Taiyou was moved. They were truly worried about him and as they cared for him, He felt his emotions start to overflow. A feeling of wanting to just embrace them closely started to bud.

(It should be….fine, right? I think it should be okay?)

It was like he was giving himself permission in his own mind, and just when he was about to put it into practice. Taiyou felt a few glances from a distance away. When he paid attention, near the entrance of the room, both Kohaku and Hera was silently grinning as they looked towards him.

「Ah, he’s noticed us desu〜」

「It seems that way doesn’t it, dear! I thought for sure that something was about to happen right now, and my heart was throbbing in excitement after such a long time jyazo」

「What was about to happen desuka〜?」

「Something that living creatures would do naturally jya. It’s the same rank of important as sleeping and eating」

「Oh? that must be an important thing then〜. But it doesn’t seem like Taiyou-chan is about to do anything desuyo〜」

「You never know, he might do something henceforth. Should we prepare a drink and some popcorn just in case?」

「What will you do after preparing the popcorn desuka〜?!」

Hera and Kohaku was exchanging a comic like dialogue with each other. Hera doesn’t seem to think about anything as she just joins in the conversation, whilst Kohaku on the other hand acted as if she knew exactly what Taiyou wanted to do.

「Yes, the treatment is done!」

「Yeah! Because all the skins of the egg were placed on the wounds, I’m sure that it will improve come tomorrow morning」

「Is your body alright? Are there any wounds on it?」

「Thanks a lot guys, I’m find now」

As he said this, the girls floated an expression of relief all together. When he sees their faces being like this, his heart starts to throb again. However this time, he managed to hold himself back.

「Umm, that is can we ask a question?」

Although they did have relieved expressions, this time they had a questioning look on their faces. When Taiyou nodded in confirmation, the girls all looked towards Kohaku and uniting their minds together they asked all at once.

「「「Who is this girl?」」」

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Chapter 47: The Seven Brides in Taiyou’s Castle

In a corner of the residential area during the day time.

The vending machines were lined up together. The things place inside of them were all best selling items by the famous manufacturers, and it was a line-up that would sell without much trouble even if no advertisement is done.

Although the line-up was quite standard, the price it had was absolutely not the normal prices. The price that was attached to the buttons were all at 100 yen. (TL: 100 yen is approx 1 USD). From the carbonated drinks which was at least 500ml to the corn soup and even the sweet red-bean soups, all of the commodities had a price range as little as 100 yen per piece.

Not only was the prices unusually low but the vending machines were place in quite the popular location. In this place, a person named Natsuno Taiyou and the Fairy Hera was here.

Taiyou placed a 100 yen coin in the vending machine. Although all the buttons lit up, Taiyou doesn’t press the buttons, instead he pulls the lever to refund his coin. And then the 100 yen coin which was returned to him was once again inserted into the vending machine! The moment the buttons light up, he pulls the lever to refund his money.

The coins were put in, and then the change is pulled out.

The coin was put back in and then the change is pulled out again.

This seemingly useless repetitive set of movements were consistently repeatedly as he performed the actions in silence.

「You over there, what are you doing?」

「Ack」

Taioyu is called by someone from behind and he very slowly turned around. The person who stood behind him was the familiar appearance of a uniform wearing man, or more commonly known as a police officer.

The young policeman seemed to be filled with a sense of justice and a sense of duty, he was looking at Taiyou like he was a suspicious person.

「You….I feel like I’ve seen you before. Have we met before at a different place?」

「Nono, I have never been graced with your esteemed presence in my life, yes yes」

「Taiyou-chan your Japanese is becoming really funny desuyo〜」

Hera who was floating next to him pointed this fact out. Naturally the policeman couldn't see her appearance, so he continued to question Taiyou.

「Well whatever. More importantly what are you doing? Are you perhaps trying to look for spare change from the machines?」

「Please I'm not doing that. Umm…..All I am doing is putting my own money in and, then taking it out, and then putting it back in again….」

「……」

The young policeman looked at Taiyou with incredibly suspicious eyes, as he slowly moved his hand towards his wireless radio and started to speak in it.

「Reporting in, I am at the foot of the Seikasono Mountain, I've detected a suspicious person」

「I'm telling you, you've got it all wrong」

Taiyou objects in frustration and he unintentionally hit the vending machine. If it was a little while ago, it would have been to the extent that the vending machine experienced a little shake, but the him right now was a level 7 power fighter.

In just one blow, the vending machine broke down and started to spout out smoke.

「A-are you attempting to resist?」

「Ah…..no this is…」

Taiyou was trying to give an explanation, but the policemen were already beginning to gather around him. The speed in which they gathered together was so fast, like when gangsters called their members. If he was caught right here, without a doubt he was going to be lectured harshly.

No, this time around, he actually damaged the vending machine and broke it, so he might not get away with just a warning. Thinking about the possibility of something like that happening, he grabbed the bag on his feet and immediately ran away as fast as he could.

Behind him, he could hear the angry shouts of the policemen and their footsteps. In order to shake them off, he ran at full speed across the residential area in broad daylight.

Although he did hear the policemen shouting and several horns were ringing, the sound gradually got smaller and before long the sounds all completely disappeared. Somehow he managed to safely escape from the policemen chasing him.

Taiyou arrived to a certain building that wasn't his apartment… It was a building enclosed in all its sides by a wall at the height level of a person's waist, and the wooden building which was approximately two stories tall and it had a garden which was unusual for this day and age.

It was the kind of place that he imagined a 20 year old widow woman to be, she would be an wearing an apron and sweeping the leaves with a broom.But what stood there wasn't a young widow but instead it was a lolibaba.

「Ohh, You've finally come back」

Whilst standing at the entrance of the building, Azumaya Kohaku was smiling radiantly as she welcomed Taiyou back. Although her limbs were under developed and was that of a young girls, her intellect and her manner of walking was that of an adult.

「You took such a long time for shopping, did you perhaps lose your way back?」

Kohaku was asking him a question, and Hera who was flying next to him came out and answered instead.

「I'm so sorry nanodesu〜, it was all my fault nanodesu〜」

「Hou, did you have some sort of a secret date or something?」

「That's not it desuyo, I was training together with Taiyou-chan in order to raise his level desu. But in the middle of it we were interrupted by the police officers so we couldn't increase it」

「I see, no matter what age we are in, the officials of the country are always dogs who do unnecessary things, so it can't be helped」

Kohaku nods whilst giggling to herself.

「Well, I'm not too worried, I'm sure I will get the chance to level sooner or later. I already know how to do it so I can go back and do it whenever I want to. More importantly, take this」

Whilst he says so, he handed the plastic bag in his hands to Kohaku. Although Taiyou was being asked by the three sisters and Kohaku to do a bit of shopping, Hera taught him the way to level up to level 8 along the way, and they ended up trying to gain experience.

It was piling up his experience by performing the tedious repetitive work. Most normal people would be discouraged in doing such a repetitive act that yields nothing but frustration, however for Taiyou who was able to level up in real life by performing these acts, it was not at all a bother for him. Therefore, he was thinking of raising his level directly to level 8 but he was obstructed by the policemen who happened to pass by chance and he had to retreat reluctantly.

Kohaku was glancing into the plastic bag which he gave to her. After taking the goods, she asked him a question.

「Come to think of it, you've never explained how your levelling thing works, right?」

「I guess I haven't eh」

「There is a relation with the existence of this girl here right?」

「That's correct nanodesu〜」

「In that case, I certainly would like to know more about it」

Kohaku was looking straight at Taiyou as she asked for permission.

「Is it alright?」

「Let's go inside first」

Taiyou turned towards the building.

「I should also explain to Kotone and the others」

Kohaku nodded her head in understanding.

The three people head towards the building together as the main entrance door was open and they entered inside. As soon as the door was opened they entered a room like a sort of lobby and there was also a kind of terrace. Furthermore, there were eight rooms connected to the lobby. He was not yet accustomed to being in this place, and Taiyou began to reminisce about yesterday's events.

Yesterday: Late into the night. Kohaku took him to this place. After Taiyou had fully explained who Kohaku was to the three sisters, and then explaining the circumstances in which they met and becoming acquainted with each other, Kohaku proposed to move locations.

At any rate, there were five people in his small one room apartment and there was no way they could all fit in there. After hearing about this, Kohaku told him that she knew of a "wide and spacious place". The place she took him to was an old yet spacious building. And so that is how they got here…

「Ah, Taiyou-san, welcome home」

Taiyou who had entered the building was greeted by the smallest of the three sisters. Kazane had a dustcloth in her hand and she seemed to have just finished cleaning the terrace area.

「How surprising」

Taiyou says this, and as he looked around the vicinity, his face had an astounded expression.

「It's so much cleaner than before I went out. What happened?」

「I cleaned around a little bit」

「A little?」

Taiyou still had his dumbfounded expression as he turned around the terrace and had a good look. Since the time he arrived her last night, and just before he went out a little while ago…

The building was covered in dust and cobwebs, however now the area was completely clean from any sort of dust and it was extremely spotless. Remembering seeing this somewhere on the TV Taiyou traced his fingers along the window frame, curtain rails and the ventilating opening of the air conditioner. Even a teasing sister-in-law who would always complain about the situation of a house could not voice a single word against how clean the place was.

「Isn't it just spectacular workmanship? I have just been looking at her from beginning to end and it feels like I am seeing some sort of magic happen or a trick of some sort nojya. It would seem that these three sisters are really good at housework jya」

「Nono, this is no longer at the level of mere housework, this is more like they are

renovation experts」

「I completely agree jya, this is surely the workmanship of a master level artistan」

Taiyou was making a retort at her modesty and Kohaku was agreeing with him with a serious look. That was just how amazing the girl's cleaning skills were. Being overly praised by the two people in front of her, she was feeling really bashful. Kazane and Kohaku was almost the same height. Kazane asked Kohaku a question.

「Umm, Kohaku-san. Is it really ok for us to use this place?」

Kazane seemed to be apologetic. When they arrived here last night Kohaku told them "You can stay for as long as you'd like" to the three girls. They were indirectly connected to the Blood Soul plan and they were also women who had relations with Taiyou. And that's the reason Kohaku proposed this idea to Taiyou, but Kazane seemed to be a little uncomfortable in intruding on Kohaku's place. To such a Kazane, Kohaku answered her with a clear face.

「When a house isn't inhabited by people, it deteriorates at a surprisingly fast pace」

「This place…Hasn't been used in a long time right?」

「Yeah. If people were to live in it, it would actually make it rejuvenated just like it did today nojya」

「But…..」

「There is no need for you to feel uncomfortable, alright?」

Kohaku cuts her words there and Hera who was looking at her surroundings were suddenly gripped hard.

「We are after all comrades who are able to see this girl jya……Would such a reason be insufficient?」

Kohaku was smiling broadly as she said this and speaking as if she was content at the idea of being comrades. Although for a moment Kazane had a surprised expression as her eyes opened wide, she immediately changed her expression into that of comprehension

Being able to see Hera—Meaning that they were people who have kissed Taiyou.

「Ah….」

「Are you unhappy?」

「No, Not at all! I'm perfectly content!」

「In that case, please take care of me from now on」

Kohaku was smiling. Perhaps they heard the conversation down stairs, in the next moment the door opens from the second floor and Kotone and Suzune's makes their appearance. The two people descend the stairs that had a gentle curve to it as they joined with the group of people gathered below. Kotone stood in front of Kohaku as she began to speak.

「Kohaku-san, I think I saw it before but I believe there was a signboard around the table here somewhere. Does this place have a name or something?」

「Yes it did, I don’t remember all the details but, if I’m not mistaken it was called rokumei-kan (mansion) or was it the moment castle?」(TL Rokumeikan seems to be a building built in 1883 July 7 a very iconic building, I’m not sure what the other one represents though >.<)

「Ohh, it’s a one-time mansion desune〜」

「I don’t think it’s either of them! Although it might resemble the latter it would be bad if that’s the case!」

Hera was just responding to the sensitive iconic building names with an overjoyed reaction, whilst Taiyou was responding by quickly retorting the statements.

「Seriously though, what is it?」

「Don’t be like that, I don’t really remember exactly what it was called no jya」

「Eh?」

「I didn’t use this place that much, and besides I let someone else manage it jya. As you have seen it’s a really old place and quite a trivial one at that」

「I see」

「If you guys insist on it having a name then, I think it will be good if we can give a new name 」

「Is that alright? 」

「Umu, if you’d like then this time around we can really name it the moment castle 」

「You are still on to that aren’t cha! But seriously if you name it that, I will get angry okay?」

「Is that so? I thought that it was a masterpiece name deserving of respect, and I can proudly leave it to the future generation with such a name」

「Anyways, let’s get a different one」

As Taiyou said this, everyone was tilting their heads as they thought of a name. Before long, Hera opens her mouth.

「I think it will be really good to call it Taiyou’s Castle〜!」

Hera’s whole face was smiling as she gave this suggestion, and everyone else was just blankly staring at her in puzzlement.

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Chapter 48: Everything in her possession

「Taiyou's Castle?」

Taiyou was the first to react and question Hera's idea. His eye brows were puckered up and he had a dubious expression on his face. This reaction wasn't just from Taiyou, even Kohaku and the three sisters had similar confused expressions on their faces. Seeing their reaction, Hera proudly puffs out her chest as she began to explain.

「Yes desu〜, Taiyou-chan is the king of this castle so, it should be Taiyou's castle desu. Taiyou's fortress and or Taiyou's tower are also really good names desuyo〜」

「Why is it that you always like to joke around so much」

Taiyou reprimanded her resolutely and gave her a slap on the back. Although she flew away quite far whilst spinning around the air, she returned almost immediately whilst flying buoyantly towards the group as if nothing had happened.

Seeing Hera act like this, Taiyou was starting to experience a headache. Taiyou was thinking to himself….."Lately the amount of women around me that like to joke around with this kind of thing was becoming way too commonplace".

Although it was overly apparently that Hera and Kohaku were both quite straight forward in their conversations, even Sakura who liked to play around with her words quite often used borderline inappropriate jokes. Not to mention Shirokiyami, although she didn't really speak much words, some of the things she says can be unfathomably destructive.

They all had their own frightening implications. If things were left as they were now, Taiyou was afraid that sooner or later, people around him would start saying that, he was some sort of dark evil-doer. He secretly thought to himself that he must remain even more vigilant from now on.

「Umu. I also agree with the suggestion jya」

Taiyou was still thinking about such things, when the eldest of the girls Kohaku had already declared her agreement with Hera's suggestion.

"You've got to be kidding me, right?" Taiyou was looking at her in this kind of manner.

「Isn't there a saying of, "A man needs to aim to become the head of the household"? Back in the day, it had the meaning of becoming the feudal lord of a castle and whatnot, but these days, it has a more comely meaning of……Owning your own cozy home. If we base it on the more recent meaning, I think that this name will really suit the building jyaro」

「Nono, this is the place that you own」

Kohaku was staring at him as if asking “What are you talking about?”.

Whilst Kohaku was speaking as if this was already Taiyou’s mansion, in actuality the owner of this building was Kohaku and it didn’t have any relation to Taiyou. If he was forced to clarify his position it was to the extent that he had only stayed in this building for one night, and in terms of owning rights to the house he definitely did not own such a right. And yet, Kohaku was looking at him as if what he said didn’t make any sense.

「Umu? If you are worried about the ownership rights of the land, I don’t mind it if I present it all to you, if you’d like?」

「Aren’t you using the wrong vocab here? What do you mean “present” it?」

「No, I didn’t use the wrong words nojya」

Kohaku happily said so.

「Even if I look like this, I’m quite the old fashioned woman」

「Rather than saying you are old fashioned, isn’t your age–」

Just now he realized what he was about to say to Kohaku and he stopped his own sentence mid-way. He knew it was something he shouldn’t say—-Even in normal human society it was something that you shouldn’t touch, or so people would say that this was a taboo topic to talk about with girls. Naturally, the criticism he was about to receive would also be boisterous.

「Taiyou-san!」

「You can’t talk about a girls age like that!」

「It’s the most basic of manners!」

The three sisters who had only showed goodwill towards Taiyou up until now suddenly spoke up for Kohaku.

「Ah, Ahh. I’m sorry Kohaku-san, I was just—」

Taiyou faced towards Kohaku and bowed his head in apology. Although it was true that he was being scolded by the three sisters, when he thought about it properly even more so than the average person, talking to Kohaku about her age is probably an even bigger taboo.

They were existences who stopped aging after the age of 10 branded as the eternally little. They were destined not to have a companion for their whole life and were also known as the leftover old maids. To someone like her Taiyou felt that it was very insensitive to talk about their age.

Therefore, Taiyou was bowing down his head, however the person in question didn’t seem to be bothered by it in the slightest.

「Oh, don’t mind it. I already know that it’s a fact that I am already an old lady jyakara」

Hearing her say such a thing, everyone in the room became silent. When someone self-depreciates themselves a little too far it can create this kind of atmosphere, it was that kind of awkward silence they were in. Noticing the awkward atmosphere….Kohaku spoke with

an even more mischievous smile on her face.

「Considering the average lifespan of the eternally little I still have approximately 40 years left to live, that's about 1/3 of my life remaining jyana」

「Isn't that actually a really long time?!」

Taiyou spurted the words out without thinking. This was a surprising discovery for Taiyou.

「Umm….If there is 40 years left to live this means….」

「Then is means that you will be able to live to around 120 years old?!」

「Or more like, is that really the average life span of the eternally little?」

Just like Taiyou the three sisters were bewildered and each of them was asking Kohaku questions, this was a naturally thing.

I mean if she said that the oldest known eternally little has lived up to the age of 120 then the reactions would at most be "Wow that's so amazing" but, she actually said that the average lifespan is at least 120, meaning that there is a quite a good chance she may live beyond 120 years, this was something that you couldn't help but be surprised about. Kohaku seemed to be pleased at their reactions and she started to explain in more detail.

「Umu, the average lifespan of the eternally little girls is about 120 years old, and this figure doesn't really fluctuate too much. It's about 1/5th longer than the usual woman」

"Is that so?" Taiyou muttered.

「This is quite a famous fact you know? If you don't believe me in this matter, you can just look it up on the net」

After hearing her words, Taiyou decided to himself that when he had the time, he would look up the term "eternally little" and learn more about them. If he thought about it, the problems he faced this time was actually quite related to the eternally little and yet he didn't even know much about them. Although he knew the basic details that they would not age past the age of 10, he didn't know the more intricate details like their lifespan, or any special body conditions they may have.

Not growing old has a similar meaning to not growing senile. Going by this speculation, it made sense that they could really only die from either severely physical injury or sickness.

Well even amongst normal humans who aren't the eternally little, there are also those rare ones that never meet any misfortunate accidents and die from sickness instead. If it was true that the eternally little would not age a day past 10 years old then, shouldn't they be able to live several hundreds of years, as long as they didn't get sick or get into an accident? "In that case, shouldn't their life expectancy increase even more?" This is what Taiyou thought.

If she says the average life span is 120 years of age, there must be something else that he didn't know about… Well he would investigate this matter sooner or later and find out…

「Let's return to the conversation. Like I was saying, I am an old woman…..and it is my old fashioned belief that the power of the family should lie with the patriarch of the

family」

「I understand what you are getting at but, the when you say family head…..you can't mean…」

「It's you jya」

When Kohaku declares this fact, Hera and even the three sisters all raised their voices in agreement.

「It is a naturally thing nanodesu〜」

「Yes, Taiyou-san is the pillar of our group」

「Or is it better to call him, our Master?」

「If we are naming the building a castle, I think it might be more appropriate to call him "King", don't you guys think?」

The women who were speaking unanimously were all very high spirited.

Taiyou felt like a headache was coming to him.

He was called their Pillar, Master and King.

The titles was changing at a rapid pace to become higher and higher, and sooner or later he thought they might go crazy and start worshipping him as a god or something?!

He thought he needed to do something to stop the madness, but he was helpless.

Taiyou glanced at the three sisters.

Well at the very least he did agree that he had to become the central pillar of the group…..and someone worthy of being the family head of the household. And just like that, Taiyou gave up trying to convince them to stop their hype.

「Well it's been decided jya, as you can see the it's a majority agreement and from today forth you shall be the king of this household jya」

「I'm not sure whether we will be following a royal doctrine, or if this will be a democracy though…」 (TL: Taiyou is saying as "king" he has no power to vote right now hahaha)

Taiyou forced a bitter sweet smile for an instant before he turned serious and looked straight at Kohaku.

「I will gratefully accept your hospitality to stay here, however, I will by no means accept the ownership of the house」

When he said this so sternly, Kohaku was surprised and she had a regrettable expression on her face.

「What is it? Do you not like power when it's given to you by a woman? In this world there are plenty of success stories where the section chief of a company suddenly gets promoted to become the chairman of a big enterprise, I don't think this is something you need to worry about jyazo」

「Like I said, why do you always like to joke around like this so much?!」

After giving her his usual retort, Taiyou changed his face to a more serious expression again. For a while the two people just stared at each other. It was like the air around them froze after a long period of silence. At this point in time, Hera butted into the middle of their conversation with her usual thoughtless words.

「Mou, Taiyou-chan is such a block head desu～ a big oaf nanodesu～」

「Um? Why are you saying that?」

「Don't you understand desuka?」

Hera silently shook her head as she answered. Immediately after that, a very surprising thing occurred for Taiyou. The one who was coming to reproach him wasn't just Hera. That's because the three sisters standing next to Hera also agreed with her.

The three sisters had bitter smiles on their faces as if asking him "Why don't you understand?" it was the kind of look a teacher from an elementary school would give to a child doing a bad thing. Seeing their reactions, Taiyou started to think "Was I the one in the wrong?".

He asked the girls with a questioning tone.

「Can you guys explain to me what's going on? Why am I a blockhead or an oaf?」

「Hahh, Taiyou-chan were you born from the groin of a tree or a stone? Or are you imported goods from India desuka?～」

Hera shrug her shoulders and let loose a sigh as if saying, "deary me, what a clueless child". And as expected the three sisters were also looking at him with similar expressions. Taiyou was getting flustered as he didn't know what the heck was going on. Hera flew close towards him and Peshito! Slapped him in the forehead as if scolding a student that just doesn't learn.

「Kohaku-tan, wants to give Taiyou-chan her everything desuyo～」

「Eh?」

「How should I put it, let me rephrase it desu～」

Hera cleared her throat and started to talk from the beginning again.

「She wants to dedicate her everything desuyo～」

Dedicate her everything?!

That was no longer just talking in between the lines or beating around the bush, this was a Japanese word that could only be interpreted according to the meaning of the word.

Taiyou was completely shocked as he turned around to face Kohaku. Normally she was rational, a lolibaba who always behaved coolly and with grace. However, this time around, the moment he laid his eyes on her, her cheeks began to blush as she looked down shyly.
(**Light Novel Illustration: Three Sisters take Kohaku's Side**)

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Chapter 49: A Harem that doesn’t allow me to Voice Out my Opinions

「You will dedicate……Your everything?」

Taiyou froze as he muttered out these words. He was 16 years old, and a young boy who was currently in the midst of his puberty. You could say that Taiyou was more mature than the average person in his age group, however, it was not like he was at the level of an enlightened Buddhist monk that could expel all desires.

When a girl says something like “dedicate her everything” as a young pubescent male, he could not help but think of the sexual connotation the words had. In his mind right now, he was fantasizing about Kohaku saying the exact same words, except, she was completely naked and blushing in a cute pose.

「Is that…..so?」

「That is so nanodesu〜」

「You be quiet for once!」

When Taiyou tried to tell Hera to stay out of it, the three sisters started to corner him from the side.

「Taiyou-san I also think that…..I agree with Hera」

「I think that what Hera-chan is saying makes sense」

「After all, I completely understand how Kohaku-san feels」

The girls were saying this as they glanced towards Kohaku.

「–tsu」

Taiyou also turned to look at Kohaku. The moment he did, it was like a hammer hit his heart. Kohaku who was in front of his eyes, was blushing cutely. She looked just like a girl in love. Taiyou was being told off by not only Hera but also the Three sisters. All of them were speaking as if their way of thinking was the only correct one.

Taiyou winced. Even now Kohaku’s expression was one that was about to begin weeping at any moment.

「Am I a bother?」

「That’s not it!」

Taiyou firmly denied it. Because he suddenly spoke with such a large voice, Kohaku was so surprised that she jumped up. She settled down after a while and she timidly asked

Taiyou.

「Is that the…. truth?」

The one standing before him right now was not a senior who was experienced in life. It was a lonesome girl who until now had been constantly wounded and was mustering up her last bit of courage to ask if he could accept her. Right now that was the kind of girl Taiyou was seeing in front of him. His feelings began to sprout. The feeling that she was just so precious. Taiyou truly felt that the girl known as Azumaya Kohaku was just so adorable right now. He took a deep breath and after arranging the feelings within his chest, he tried to convey it in his words.

「Yes, it is true. To be frank……I was completely caught off guard when you told me that you would dedicate everything. However, hearing you say something like this…….Makes me really happy」

When he said this, Kohaku burst into tears. Her being this happy with just hearing his words…..made him feel that she had truly been so deprived. Therefore, he wanted to answer her feelings even more, not just using his words.

However, there was one thing that worried him. In this country, it was the norm that the relationship between a man and a woman was mutually exclusive and that it was a first-come-first served basis.

—-Order of arrival.

Thus Taiyou turned around to face the three sisters.

「You guys—」

Before Taiyou was even able to finish his sentence, and without the need to glance at each other, the three sisters promptly answered.

「A little while ago, I think that we have already mentioned this to Taiyou-san」

「Our dream is to make a harem with the person that we fall in love with」

「We know what Taiyou-san is worried about, however, we are on Kohaku-san’s side on this matter」

After hearing this, Taiyou did remember that he was told something like this a little while ago. He certainly did have this told to him, but at that particular time, he thought that they were just playing a practical joke on him or something. He thought that during that time perhaps the girls said it in the heat of the moment…….He did think that humans were impulsive creatures that could sometimes spout ridiculous things.

And at that particular time, he was also a little dazed at the circumstances and he could only partly understand what they were saying. However, right now, the girls clearly repeated the same words again.

Perhaps they really do mean it……? he started to think. Perhaps they read his thoughts from the expression he had on his face, but the girls had a soft smile on their faces as they continued even further.

「The three of us has always planned on falling in love with the same person, getting

married and then creating a family together. However, up until now, far from anyone accepting this part of us, many people would have a strange look on their faces just from hearing us mention it」

「For someone like us, Taiyou-san is the first person to ever accept us. Even for people like us, Taiyou-san told us that he loved us. We were extremely happy to hear that, so glad, and even now we feel blessed」

「Even weird people like us…..Could still be loved」

The three girls spoke in a chorus.

「「「We want Kohaku-san to be able to share this feeling as well!」」」

The girls were saying this with extremely earnest expressions. They were seriously asking him….. No, the faces they had looked like they were begging him to listen. They themselves were really happy, and they wanted to share this happiness with others as well. Up until now, Taiyou had never been so shocked. The three sisters who were able to go that far, Taiyou didn't believe that people like them existed.

「You girls…..」

Taiyou expanded his arms and embraced the three people.

「「「Taiyou-san……..」」」

They wanted to share their happiness. Their strong words were embedded deeply in Taiyou's mind…..and his heart was moved. They were unbearably dear to him. If he was able to make them happy, he felt like he would do anything. Even if the actions he took would make people gossip about him behind his back. Taiyou released them from his embraced, and after giving each of them a kiss on their forehead, he turned towards Kohaku.

「Kohaku-san」

He goes in front of her, and kneels down so that he matches her line of vision.

「Let me confirm just one thing. Are you sure that you are fine with me? As you can see, within my arms, I already have these three girls. And no matter what happens from now on, they will never separate from me. In addition, I cannot swear that I will love you equally as I love them」

He looked straight into her eyes. She also looked straight into his eyes.

「After hearing all this. Do you think that you will be fine with someone like me?」

「It is possible to love equally. I wouldn't believe in a man who could say such sugar coated words」

Kohaku immediately replied. Even now she was answering his question in such a roundabout way, it was so like her.

「People have a natural tendency to have favourites nojya. No, even if one had a favorite, their opinions could change as the days go by. Someone capable of loving impartially is theoretically an impossible thing. Therefore, I won't trust a man who is able to say such a thing nonchalantly」

Saying this, she took Taiyou's hand. It was cold and small….yet it was shockingly soft.

「Just from the fact that you are…..Able to say this to me with honesty, I am already willing to follow you for the rest of my life」(Kohaku speaking)

Her words…..no her sense of values were similar to the three sisters and to himself, so he could understand her words clearly. The general populous would normally reject the notion of a "harem" immediately criticizing the fact that there would be an "uneven" amount of love between the parties, even now Taiyou could not understand why people thought like this.

He could not understand it, but what was important was that he could understand clearly what the girls were trying to convey to him. And also what he should do from now on. He had no confidence in being able to love them all equally, however, what he had confidence in doing was that he could love them all for the rest of his life.

As long as they still loved him and was willing to accept him, he was willing to return those feelings. Taiyou thought about it like that. And he strongly, strongly believed he could make it work.

「I understand」

Taiyou nods, and puts a bit of strength into his hands as Kohaku's small body was drawn into his arms. She was embraced closely, her small chin was resting against his shoulders and it was like he wrapped around her completely.

「Please, stay by my side for a long time to come」

「I swear it. Until…..Death do us apart」

As expected her answer was immediate. Having embraced Kohaku, although he couldn't see the faces of the three sisters, he was sure that they were smiling. Taiyou was convinced that was the case. Because their sweet atmosphere was definitely transmitted to the three sisters.

After embracing each other for quite a while, the two people separated. Taiyou was just a little surprised. This was because Kohaku's expression became a lot softer. Her eyes which usually held the look of someone who was beyond their years. Had now changed into a considerably softer look

That was truly—.

Just as he was thinking about this, as per usual Hera butted in with a happy tone of voice.

「Panpakapann, Congratulations desu〜. Taiyou-chan has obtain his second wife nanodesu」

「The second? 」

For a moment, he thought about how Hera truly couldn't read the mood, but soon enough her words caught his interest. What did she mean by the second person?

「Yes, the second person desuyo〜」

Hera just repeated the same words. To his surprised the other women backed up Hera's statement.

「Umu, I also think that I am the second. What, who else in here would be fit for such a position?」

「Is there someone else fit for the position Taiyou-san?」

「Ah, don't tell me, that white girl?」

「That's probably true, if she was here, Kohaku-san would probably become the third wife 」

「Fumu, there is still meaning in being the third, even if that was the case I wouldn't mind it」

The females were interacting with each other. At this point, Taiyou had also realized that the three sisters counted themselves as one person. Looking at it like this, it was obvious that the three sisters were the first wife and Kohaku would be the second wife.

The Three sisters were the first and Kohaku was the second, these four girls were speaking to each other quite intimately as they chatted. It looked as if they had already known each other for many years. They were so close with each other that, Taiyou who was the only man here could not even butt into their conversation.

Butting into the conversation of these girls was impossible even for someone as strong as Hercules. He suddenly remembered that he used to see this kind of spectacle all the time in school. Normally seeing this kind of scene he would feel a sense of incompatibility and slight discomfort.

However right now it was totally different, even though he could not join in their conversation, to him this scene didn't bother him in the slightest, in fact he felt tranquil at the scene.

It was the feeling of relief, having known that the women he loved were happily getting along with each other. The more that they were able to get along with each other, the happier Taiyou felt. And just as he thought that he could indefinitely watch this moment, Hera obstructed him again.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan」

「What is it?」

「Taiyou-chan, you need to level up to level 10 quickly desuyo〜」

What was she saying all of a sudden? Taiyou looked at Hera in puzzlement.

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Chapter 50: It’s no use crying over spilt milk

In the end the building was called “Taiyou’s Castle” and right now Taiyou was standing in front of the room at the very back of the second floor.

Hera was pushing him onwards in order to obtain level 10……at first he wondered why she rushed him so much. This is because he had completely forgotten the fact that at level 10 he would obtain something important. That is, at level 10 he would acquire a second skill.

「Is she in here?」

He was standing in front of the door and Kohaku nodded her head to his question. “so she’s inside here?”…….Taiyou took a deep breath, turned the knob and stepped inside the room.

This room was devoid of any furniture, it was a completely empty room except for the fact that there was one woman inside. The girl had her hands tied behind her back and a gag on her mouth, so that she could not run away, her hands were tied to the corner of the room.

Although her clothes were not disordered, her hair had become frayed and her eyes had dark circles underneath them. If the police was to discover her in this state, there was no doubt that Taiyou would be charged with abduction and confinement and without a doubt he would be arrested. Juniishima Sakura. She watched Taiyou with cold eyes as he entered the room.

「Uhh, first of all I would like to apologize」

When he saw how she looked at him, Taiyou flinched and instinctively apologized to her. Having her restrained was one thing, but completely leaving her stranded for such a long period of time was his bad. Whilst apologizing, Taiyou approaches her. He had noticed her presence since yesterday, but things seem to crop up one after another and he forgot about her in the end.

If Taiyou were to postpone this issue any longer and start to level up, things may turn out quite badly. Thinking about it like this, Taiyou decided to give priority to liberating Sakura.

「It should be enough now, right?」

Taiyou turned towards Kohaku in order to confirm whether it was alright, and he started to unfasten the bindings on Sakura. Although it was already decided that Kohaku would become a part of his harem, she was still talking in her overly polite manner.

「Fumu, there are no problems. I already received the report that things have already been set in motion」

Kohaku didn't say "who" she got the report from though. Yurikago was trying to hide her existence, and even more so in front of Sakura, Kohaku was careful not to reveal any important details.

「I understand」

Taiyou nods, he understood what Kohaku was saying and why she was talking in such a roundabout way. "If that was the case, it should be fine to release Sakura", whilst thinking this he was about to release the rest of her bindings, however…

Kohaku approaches him and his hands were quietly gripped.

「Wait, I don't mind it if you want to release her, however, there is one important thing that must be done」

「Something that must be done?」

Taiyou knits his eyebrows thinking that perhaps he may have overlooked something important and tilts his head in a questioning manner.

「Umu, it about a simple courtesy, the beauty in taking the correct procedure」

「Huh?」

「When you come into a house its polite manners to arrange your shoes neatly, or when watching a thriller, it is necessary to expose who the real killer is or the viewers will be unsatisfied. It's something similar to that, therefore, when there is such a beautiful girl restrained right in front of you it would be such a shame not to do anything to her nojya. As you can see, she falls under the category of being a beautiful person, in that case, you should take the role of the perverted old man and do something that will make her say "J-just kill me already!" and——」

「Teeeiiiii!」

Before Kohaku could finish her sentence, Taiyou had already pulled the rope and tore it off. The rope was much thicker than a humans fingers, however for someone like Taiyou who had an incredible amount of power, it was like he was pulling on a silk thread. He completely ignored Kohaku's prank and liberated Sakura.

「What, how wasteful nou」

Kohaku was speaking as if she truly regretted it from the bottom of her heart.

「It's not a waste…..! And here I was thinking it was something important!」

「What, if you are thinking of creating a harem, shouldn't there be a character that fits the role of the slave? Nou?」

Whilst saying so, Kohaku turns towards Hera.

「Yes desu～ It's a standard thing nanodesu～. Even in the ero ero movies, it is best to take straight forward approach nanodesu～」

「You stay out of this! Don't take out such a ridiculous precedent as your supporting

case!」

As he said this, he gave Hera a smack. Even though they haven't known each other for a long period of time, it could already be said that the relationship between Hera and Kohaku had reached the level of a golden combination.

On the one hand, Hera was a level up fairy, and on the other hand Kohaku was part of the eternally little and was a lolibaba. These two really it hit off as they shared the same hobbies and interests. In other words, the amount of trouble Taiyou had to handle had doubled. "Hopefully the amount of trouble won't increase any more, right?" As Taiyou was thinking such things, he started to talk to Sakura who was rubbing her wrists.

「Allow me to apologize once again……For being so late. Are you alright?」

「Yes…My body is fine」

Sakura was speaking sarcastically. Just from that single exchange, Taiyou remembered a nostalgic feeling. He had just met her yesterday and he only talked to her for a little while, but talking to her like this……somehow made him miss the witty conversations he had with her.

「Is that so? In that case there should be no problems whatsoever」

「Ara? Is that the kind of words you should be saying to a woman you've restrained for more than half a day? I told you that my body was fine, but what if I told you that you have scarred my heart from ever healing?」

「For someone like you, that shouldn't be the case right? I don't think that you are the kind of fragile woman to be hurt by something like this」

「Ara, You're such an awful person」

Sakura was elegantly covering her mouth as she chuckled but her eyes weren't smiling.

「But you've seen right through me. Yes, that's right, my mind is rumored to be as tough as cotton ball」

「As expected from you, that's the kind of mindset of one who will rule the country sooner or later」

「Yes, because you've been such a gentleman, even my body hasn't received much damage. Thanks to you, I can still rule the country as a woman who has not yet been defiled」

「I'm not really a gentleman, this code of conduct is a natural thing」

「Is that so? Allow me to give you a piece of friendly advice as a captured prisoner, there are plenty of women who will only be satisfied if they are treated like a lady」

"What kind of warning is this?", as he thought about it, he asked her back.

「Are you also like that?」

「No, after all I am like a beast」

「I see, So you are saying that you take the initiative in relationships? Yeah, I guess I can see you in that kind of light」(TL Note: Taiyou is actually calling Sakura a "carnivorous

woman” which cannot be explained in a mere sentence, this word actually means: She is aggressive, calls the shots in love, is independent and opinionated)

「Yes, that’s right. When all is said and done…..it would seem that you are a herbivorous man? The three sisters and the eternally little, they are all girls who would normally be out of the reach of normal men, and yet you have all four of them under your arms」(TL note: “herbivorous man” is the antonym word for “carnivorous woman”, Sakura is basically saying that Taiyou is: unlike the traditional male stereotypes as he does not seem overly interested in the pursuit of money and sex, instead he values lies more in being, kind, co-operative and family oriented.)

「I am also here you know ～」

Hera was complaining to Sakura, but neither her voice or her figure could be seen by her.This is where the conversation lulled. Taiyou and Sakura just stared at each other for some time, and a quiet atmosphere flowed between them.It was a strange atmosphere.

These two were not friends, neither were they lovers, and they didn’t have a relationship of being comrades either or anything close to it.On the contrary, they should have a hostile relationship with each other.Even so, there wasn’t a dangerous or threatening atmosphere between them. At least, Taiyou did not look at her in such a negative light. It was not like he wanted to make her his girlfriend, or to the extent that he wanted her in his harem, but it was more like he wanted to get to know her a little better.

“What kind of relationship was this?” even Taiyou himself did not know the answer to that question. Whilst he was in contemplation, Sakura abruptly interrupted his thoughts.

「Well then, it’s about time that I make my way back」

「Are you going back just like that? Are you sure that you don’t need to leave any threatening remarks against me?」

「It’s already come to this」

Sakura let out a deep breathe as she sneered.

「This eternally little girl already told you right? The snow has already begun to roll」

「Fumu, it can also mean that there is no use crying over spilt milk」

Kohaku joined in on their conversation, and for once the things she said actually made sense. “It would be really good if she always talked like this…. at least it was much better than the suggestive jokes she came up with”, Taiyou much preferred to talk to her in this kind of manner.

「In that case, there is no meaning to it even if I used a threat. If it isn’t possible to fix, than there is only one option left, and that is to draw up a new plan」

「A new plan….? That sounds just like what you would do」

「That is quite so. Rather than thinking that there is only one water we can share, I would much prefer to think that water is what we need. I mean, wouldn’t you agree that this kind of logic is more reasonable?」

「Kukuku, well isn’t that good」

Kohaku was stifling her laughter as she looked towards the three sisters. Perhaps they were bad with this kind of conversation, the three sisters Kotone, Suzune and Kazane all had expressions of bafflement. They had the same exact face with the same exact expression. It would seem that they could not follow the roundabout way of communication. For the time being he left them like that and concentrated on the conversation with Sakura.

「In that case, I hope that I won't become the water that blocks your path」

「Ara, you are saying such a thing even though you don't really believe in your own words」

「I'm being serious」

Taiyou said this as he looked straight at Sakura.

「I do enjoy the conversations we have, and as such I wouldn't mind conversing more often. If it is possible, I don't want to talk to you as an enemy, but meet you as an ally where we can have a good long chat」

Sakura silently nods as she begins to walk towards the entrance of the room. Taiyou himself had moved out of the way so that she could pass through, and as such, the three sisters, Kohaku and even Hera made way to let Sakura pass.

She was standing at the doorway but she didn't leave just yet. As she was gripping the door knob with her hands, she froze in that posture as if she thought of something to say.

「You said that you want to meet me again as an ally, is this correct?」

「Ahh, if it is possible」

「In that case, what do you think of forming a new path of water between us so that we can cooperate?」

With her back still turned towards him, Sakura asked him questioningly. "What did she mean by forming a new alliance and what did this entail?" just as Taiyou was thinking such things, she turned around and said…

「In the near future, I need to face my rival……Juniishima Yurikago and I want your help in regards to this matter」

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Chapter 51: The First time beginning Joint work Part 1

It was growing dark at the foot of the mountain.

There was a single vending machine placed in between the boundary of the town and the mountain. Part of the paint on the machine was starting to peel off and Taiyou was standing in front of the vending machine repeatedly inserting and then taking out his 100 yen coin.

A little off to the distance, Kohaku was watching over him.

After hearing about how he ran into trouble with the police the last time he tried to level up, Kohaku decided to accompany him. In this rural area, don't even mention the police officers, there was not even many people that passed by, Taiyou was diligently increasing his level.

And it was approximately one hour since he began his repetitive work that…

「Tererertetete〜♪ Taiyou-chan, you have levelled up!」

Hera who had seemingly vanished all this time, suddenly appeared and flew in front of him, she danced around in the air whilst singing her level up song. Kohaku who heard the announcement also approaches with a face full of smiles.

「Hou, she's dancing jyana」

「I am dancing desuyo〜. It's the level up dance nanodesu」

「Is that really necessary to do?」

「Wanna join in?」

「As if I'd do that?!」

Taiyou reflexively rejected her Hera's invitation. When he saw her dancing he didn't really think too much of it, but the moment she asked him to join her, he couldn't help but give her a retort. Well since there wasn't too much point in reprimanding her too much about this matter, Taiyou just wanted to get on with it and move on to more important matters.

「Well then, Allow me to r-e-c-a-p〜…..Taiyou-chan is now level 8 nanodesu〜」

「Fumu, now that you've levelled up, do you feel anything different?」

「Yes desu! I will show it now!」

As soon as Hera said this, Taiyou received a familiar sensation, it was a rush of numerical figures going to his brain. It starts with the level rising in value, and then it moves on to

give a comparison of the amount of status gained this level from the previous level.

Because he was quite familiar with the process, he was able to understand the numbers that popped into his brain. Kohaku who was next to him, spoke out loudly.

「Fumu…….This is really mysterious, it is such a queer sensation jyana」

「Eh? Are you seeing this?」

Taiyou was surprised as he turned to face Kohaku.

「Umu, it feels like the numbers are flowing from the bottom of my eyeballs all the way to the molars of my teeth. Are you also seeing it in the same way as me??」

「Where exactly are you saying it goes?! Well I kinda get what you are saying though」

「It's a secret of the human body desune〜」

Hera spoke thoughtlessly. Taiyou thought that it was definitely nothing to do with the secrets of the human body but more about the secrets of the world. Whilst thinking such things, he perused his status and roughly understood the situation.

Although normally he would examine it more thoroughly, he didn't do this right now. That's because level 8 wasn't a huge checkpoint in terms of levelling. He faced towards Hera and said.

「So, what do we have to do next? You told me that I should hurry up and reach level 10 right?」

「Yes desu〜, the moment you reach level 10, Taiyou-chan will receive a huge burst of power desu〜」

「In that case, please tell me what the next step is」

He wanted to know the process of levelling up to level 9.

「Yes nanodesu〜. By the way, Taiyou-chan, do you have a smart phone on you?」

「I do have it with me, but it's broken you know?」

His smart phone was broken since the day he met Hera. For quite some time now, he has lived his life without using his smart phone, but so far it hasn't really caused him too many problems. "Well it's probably because I've been living such an unusual life" This is what Taiyou thought.

「That is a problem desu, the next step requires the use of a smart phone, otherwise it won't do nanodesu〜」

「If it's alright to use another person's smart phone, I don't mind lending you mine dazo」

「That is fine nanodesu〜」

After Hera answers, Kohaku pulls out her smart phone and hands it over to Taiyou. It was a smaller device than what Taiyou was used to using.

「You use a really small one don't you?」

「That's because the eternally little don't have any long sightedness」

Kohaku twists her mouth into a grin. Taiyou smiled back at her whilst turning towards Hera.

「So, what do I have to do with this?」

「Ehh let me see desune, please start playing any game. And create a character and then —」

「I already know, I bet you are going to say create a character, and then delete that character and rinse and repeat, right?」

「That is correct nanodesu, as expected of Taiyou-chan nanodesu〜」

Taiyou lets out a bitter smile. Considering what he had to do so far, it was easy to predict what he needed to do this time just from past experiences.

Taiyou used the smart phone and began to download a game he used to play back in the day. When he finished downloading the game, he started to do what Hera mentioned, which is to repeatedly create a character and then delete that character.

「Fumu, you are doing a reset marathon aren't you?」(TL note: people may do a reset marathon in games to abuse the advantages of creating a level one character and then taking the given rare item to transfer it to the newer character)

「How come you are always so knowledgeable in these kind of matters?」

「As a lolibaba, knowing this kind of thing is a natural custom jyazo」

「I guess you aren't like a certain someone, who doesn't seem to know anything 」

With a bitter smile, Taiyou continues his tedious work.

He creates a character, determining his status and then deleting the character.

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Suddenly, Taiyou remembered the days when he used to play the game. This particular game decided the starting status points randomly. The average status point you would get is about 50, however if you continuously rolled the dice, you would be able to start the game with an advantage.

At that time, Taiyou would relentlessly reroll his status points until he got the perfect figure, but right now his purpose in playing this game was to level up in real life, nevertheless he was seemingly able to make plenty of characters that exceeded the average value by far.

Naturally, he would delete all these characters. This is obviously because his purpose was to level up in real life, not in the game. The sun had set completely, and the vicinity became dark.

The three people moved under a street lamp that was some distance away. Suddenly, Kohaku who was looking at the phone screen together with him raised her voice. The bonus point displayed in the screen actually reached 99, which was the absolute highest value.

「Ohh, isn't that a really good figure? It's the kind of figure that would allow you to make

a slave harem–」

「Like I said, Please restrain yourself with making those kind of jokes!」

He immediately countered her joke which was approaching dangerous waters, and he completely erased the character.

「What a shame nou」

「It's fine, after all this game is just a stepping stone for me to level up in real life」

「Well, I suppose that is true jyana」

Kohaku spoke with a tone of voice that seemed to drop towards the end.

「Hey, do you mind it if I ask you a serious question?」(Kohaku speaking)

「What is it?」

Taiyou was continuing to work as he asked her what was up.

「The thing that Juniishima Sakura talked about….Are you truly going to undertake it?」

「If you are talking about kidnapping Yurikago? Then yeah, I'm planning on accepting her offer」

「Is that really alright? Doesn't this mean that you will make that girl into your enemy?」

Kohaku was asking him with an earnest expression. "Wasn't she someone you've fought with in the past?"…… Kohaku's question had that kind of implication to it.

「It should be fine. Or more like. It's better if I was the one who did the kidnapping. I don't really know what Sakura intends to do with her after she has kidnapped Yurikago, but if I am there, I can at least protect her when push comes to shove」

「I see, is that why you are doing this」

「Taiyou-chan, are you planning on putting Yurikago-chan into your harem desuka〜? Are you going to make her your third wife nanodesu?」

「That's not it. Think about it, if I know that she is about to be kidnapped I can't really just ignore it, right?」

「Fumu, that is true jyana」

「Rather than completely disregarding the fact it will happen, being the one to kidnap her will bring a more favorable outcome. Thankfully, Sakura-san doesn't know that I have a connection with Yurikago, so we will be using this to our advantage」

After saying this Taiyou removed his eyes from the screen, and for once he stretched out his limbs and neck.

「Umu, in regards to this matter, it all started with you trying to help the three sisters. And it was only later that you accepted to work together with Yurikago」

「She also hid her face from Sakura-san」

「That's true. Well, even if Sakura did see her face by chance, it shouldn't be too much of a problem, in any case, no one would ever suspect that a mere schoolboy is connected to

the princess of the Juniishima Clan jyana」

「Yeah, I am also planning to use that fact. Well, if we are able to capture her successfully and secure the safety of her body, then it will be the best outcome」

「You might be in danger if you choose to do this jyazo?」

「Rather than pretending not to see anything and feeling the immense guilt that comes with it, this is a much better alternative」

「Is that so?」

Kohaku nods and the conversation is cut short at this point. Taiyou continued to work under the veil of darkness pressing buttons on his smart phone whilst the two women continued to watch over him. This kind of scene continued for quite some time. Until—

「Tererete tete〜♪ Taiyou-chan, you levelled up! You have now reached level 9 nanodesu〜」

「Have I increased in level already? This time around it was also really fast wasn't it?」

In that way, both he and Kohaku confirmed the rise in his abilities.

「As usual, the thing that seems to increase the most is my strength」

「I suppose you are just that kind of character jyaro. Oh yeah, maybe it will be good if I bring you a wooden mallet from the jungle?」

「Please stop right there」

Taiyou replied to Kohaku with a wry smile but he still imagined the scene of himself wielding the wooden hammer. "That may not be such a bad thing" he thought.

「Well, what's next? It seems that we are about to hit level 10, what do I need to do this time?」

「Is it perhaps putting dandelions on sashimi and then removing it one by one?」

Kohaku suddenly intervenes from the side as she tried to predict the next set of work Taiyou needed to do. At any rate, it was the norm by now that increasing his level had something to do with doing useless work. Even if the first half of the work had some sort of meaning, the second part of the work usually nullified any benefit from the first action. Taiyou thought that the next thing he needed to do was surely going to follow the same sort of principle.

「We might do that a little further down the line nanodesuyo〜. However the next thing we have to do desune〜 is the Princess Carry (Himesama Dakko) nanodesu〜」

「Yes?」

The words that came out of Hera's mouth was just something he would never have expected.

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Chapter 52: First Time Beginning Joint Work Part 2

Taiyou was flabbergasted and doubted his own ears.

「Did you just say Princess Carry?」

「Yes! Ah, it's also fine as long as you carry them with your arms, you know〜? Even if you don't bring them really really high up, it's also fine desuyo〜」

「I've never seen or heard of anyone doing that sort of princess carry to begin with! 」

Whilst giving her a rebuke, he reflexively imagined what kind of scene that would be.

This would probably involve someone throwing the girl really high up in the air before catching them again in their embrace, it was truly a surreal kind of scene.

Well strictly speaking, if he were a normal human being, he probably wouldn't even be able to imagine such a ridiculous thing like throwing the girl high into the air, but right now he was in the possession of a superhuman power, because he himself was likely able to accomplish such a feat he inadvertently imagined such a thing.

Although it was possible to do, it would be a foolish thing to try. Taiyou starts massaging the middle of his forehead as he tried to get rid of that scene from his mind. From his side, Kohaku speaks with a serious tone of voice.

「You mentioned the princess carry, but can you explain to me in detail exactly what must be done nojya?」

「…….Kohaku-san, why are your eye's sparkling so much?」

「It's natural jyaro! We are talking about the princess carry here! Or what, are you going to tell me that as an 87 year old lady, that I shouldn't be thinking about things like being a princess and that it's absurd?」

Kohaku was speaking passionately and with insistence. Since the first time I met her, this is the most passionate she's ever been about something. It was way too strong, rather than backing off, it was like she was preparing for all-out war with her threatening attitude.

The young elderly woman standing there looked almost like a carnivorous animal as she spoke.

「N, no…..I have no intentions of doing such a thing」

Taiyou could only stumble as he spoke out the words.

「In that case, it's all good. Now then, you should teach him right now the way to properly perform it nojya」

Kohaku's breathing was becoming rougher as she quickly urged Hera to get on with the explanation. Kohaku was acting really differently from her usual calm self, nevertheless, the level up fairy merely responded with her happy go lucky tone of voice.

「Yes〜 Well even so, it's a really simple thing desuyo, all you have to do is perform the princess carry, then let them off and then do it again desu〜」

"As expected, it would turn out like this", Taiyou thought. Although for a moment the impact of the words 'princess carry' really shocked him, in the end the thing he had to do was more or less the same as before.

Just like he has done up until now, he just needed to repeat the same actions, even though it held no meaning he merely had to repeat them.

「I understand, that is clear and simple」

Kohaku nods, she looks in Taiyou's direction with a strong shining gaze.

「Well then, you should get on with it and do that right now nojya!」

「Umm….Why don't we move locations for now?」

「Why jya?!」

Kohaku's voice sounded almost like a scream.

Taiyou, Kohaku and Hera, the three people return to "Taiyou's Castle".

The three sisters who had been cleaning all this time, whilst he was out levelling was gathered in the living room terrace, and they were all explained about the matter of the princess carry. After he explained the circumstances, not only Kohaku but even the girls started to get fired up.

Although Kotone and the girls were able to keep their composure better than Kohaku, nevertheless, they blazing eyes sparkled as they spoke.

「Everyone has already been gathered, and the circumstance have been explained. Now then, this time we need to start the princess carry jya!」

「Do I really have to do this?」

Kohaku was pressing herself against him intently. Taiyou spoke to Hera in a tone that seemed like he wanted to be saved out of the situation.

「Yes, this is the only way to increase the experience gain desu. Taiyou-chan, don't tell me you actually don't want to do it desuka〜?」

「Unnh」

「Eh…..」

His brides were reacting to Hera's question.

「It's not like I find it unpleasant, but… How do I explain it….?」

「If you don't find it uncomfortable than hurry up and do it desu〜」

「That's right, you should hurry up and do it already jya」

「Please take care of us, Taiyou-san」

All the women were lined up as they requested to be princess carried. And just when Taiyou steeled his resolve and thought “fine let’s do this then”, at that time…

「–Wait, Hey Hera?」

「Yes〜?」

Taiyou suddenly remembered something, and Hera was waiting for his question as she tilted her head. The thing he remembered…..was something that occurred during the time he levelled up to level 5. At that particular time, his level went up when he kissed the three sisters. And this time around, he needed to perform the princess carry in order to increase his level.

From level 5 to Level 10. Taiyou started to think of the incremental connection between these acts.

「Can you please tell me the method to level, when I reach level 15, right now?」

The moment he asked her, Hera turned her eyes away at once.

「As expected, is that how this is?! What are you going to make me do?! Tell me right now!」

「It is not possible to say it with my mouth nodesu〜」

「You are denying…Your own meaning to life right now, you Ero Fairy!」

「The things that can be done tomorrow don’t need to be discussed today desu〜」

「Don’t try to say cool things, I won’t get fooled by it you know?!」

Although Taiyou pressed Hera for an answer, she kept evading a direct answer, she was as slippery as an eel. Level 5 consisted of a kiss, Level 10 is a princess carry.

Although the aspect of repeatedly doing a certain thing remained the same, the thing he had to do…..seemed to be five times more…..than what he had to do previously.

In such a case he was truly curious exactly, what he was going to have to do to reach level 15, but Hera just wouldn’t tell him the details.

「Why are you still arguing around, hurry up and do it nojya」

Kohaku was urging him onwards. When he looked at them, Kohaku and the three sisters all had bloodshot eyes. When he saw them like this, he exhaled a sigh and faced towards them.

「I will do it now, is that alright?」

「Oh!」

Kohaku responded cheerfully as I placed my hands around the back of her knees and lifted her in a princess carry. Her face was so near, and I could feel her breathing. When I looked at her from such a close distance, my heart started to throb. At that moment…

—Kiss.

Kohaku, pecked me with a short kiss.

「K, Kohaku-san」

Taiyou was surprised, as he didn't expect that she would kiss him so suddenly. Kohaku who just kissed him started to blush her cheeks as she looked down. Just like that, she climbed down herself as she put both of her hands to cover her face.

She was really embarrassed, she was feeling really shy about what she had just done. Her shyness was contagious, as even Taiyou's ears started to become really red all the way to the roots and his body started to feel hot.

His heart was beating and he continued to look at Kohaku. She looked extremely cute, she was really adorable. He wanted to hug her tightly, right this instant—

「Taiyou-san, don't forget about us!」

「Let's line up Ka-chan! I'll be second, alright? 」

「Yeah!」

The three sisters butted their way into the sweet atmosphere and lined up in front of Taiyou.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane were lined in this order and looked towards Taiyou with expectant gazes. The sweet atmosphere remained without any change. Taiyou lifted the girls up one after another. He moved his hand to the back of their knees and gave them a princess carry.

Although they didn't give him a kiss, they were becoming more bashful.

It was a mysterious thing. These girls had already kissed him before, and they even declared that they wanted to make a harem together with him, and yet they were getting embarrassed by something like a princess carry…..Taiyou made a note within his own mind, as to just how formidable this thing called the princess carry can be.

Eventually, the princess carry had already gone to round two.

Before he knew it was already Kohaku's turn again and this time she twined her hands around his neck.

「Ahh……」

Kohaku was overcome with emotion. Her face was full of ecstasy as her body shivered. Looking at such an expression, Taiyou's heart skipped a beat.

「You need to do it to me too desu〜. You must Taiyou-chan!」

Perhaps it was because she because jealous when seeing the other girls had faces of pure bliss so Hera also wanted to join in the fun as she boisterously shoved in line.

Seeing the fairy who could not sense the mood, he was slightly angry, so Taiyou used one of his hands to grab on to her whole body and raised it up like he was carrying a dumbbell.

「Wa, wait Taiyou-chan! That isn't the princess carry nanodesu! If you do it like that, you won't be able to get any experience desuyo〜」

Hera was shouting about as she struggled about, and soon he proceeded to give Kotone

her second hug. And when the second round of hugs had finally finished, the girls all slumped down to the floor.

「For there to be something so sweet to experience in this world….I think that I no longer have any regrets in this world nojya」

「You can't think like that Kohaku-san!」

「That's right! You need to remember the things that Hera-chan and Taiyou-chan were talking about」

「When he needs to reach level 15, there will be something else that needs to happen」

The three sisters spoke in succession. Because the girls themselves experienced it when he was about to reach level 5, their words seemed more trustworthy to believe.

「Th, that's right jyana……Umu, there must be more things that are even better than this jyana. Even so, I think that this is my limit jya. My heart is beating so fast, I don't think it can hold out. I think that I have to retire for this one, I shall leave the rest to everyone else nojya」

「How can that be! Kohaku-san….」

「We understand, please leave it up to us!」

「We will use up Kohaku's portion and give Taiyou-san more hugs!」

「Hey guys, come on, it's just a princess carry…」

Taiyou was butting into the conversation, but naturally, his voice was left unheard. Just like that, he started to hug the three sisters taking turns.

Kohaku who told the sisters that she was done for came beside his feet, and she was snuggling her body which barely had any energy left, against his legs. In his arms, he could feel the weight of the three sisters, and against his feet he could feel the warmth of Kohaku's soft body.

It felt as if all his body's sensations had gathered in those two places. The pleasant feeling of touching his body to theirs skin to skin. Gradually, he didn't even care about the reason he was doing this anymore.

All he knew was that right now, he was really happy, and he wanted to be together like this for a long time.

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Chapter 53: The Power of a Bride and their Idolized Master

No matter how happy you become, there is a moment in time when it comes to an end.

「Teretetetete ~♪ Taiyou-chan you levelled up!」

「……」

After finally letting down Kazane, Kohaku who was still at his feet, was hoping that her turn would come next—-however in that moment, a thoughtless little fairy interrupted this hope with her loud voice. The sweet atmosphere they had until now popped like soap bubbles, Taiyou turned to Hera with an indifferent look.

「What's up desuka?」

「……No, nothing's wrong. More importantly, you told me that I levelled up right?」

「Yes! With this now Taiyou-chan has reached level 10. A・N・D, a new skill can be selected desu~」

Just like her usual self Hera was performing her level up dance as she spun around in the air.

「Last time around I had three choices to choose from, right?」

「Yes, there is always going to be three choices nanodesuyo~」

「I see……..Last time around there was super-armor and also a passive skill: experience value gain improvement, which one should I choose this time I wonder? Because they both seem really useful, I'm kind of conflicted」

「In that case, let's get started~!」

「Ahh…..te Oi」

「Yes?」

Hera was tilting her head in the air. It was almost as if she became one of those mascots characters, that came into popularity in the recent years.

「You, wait a moment and just sit still」

Hera was doing just as she was told and she was kneeling on her knees whilst in mid-air.

「What is this about? There is nothing for me to choose from?」

「There is~ Please choose among these three options」

「Hou, this is such a classical joke. It’s the one that I used to see, back in the day」

Kohaku was just happily enjoying the banter that Taiyou and Hera was having. If Taiyou thought about it carefully……he realized that Kohaku was quite the expert in these types of joke materials….

・Passive Skill Idol

・Passive Skill Idol

・Passive Skill Idol

The skills displayed before Taiyou, was three skill sets which seemed to be copy pasted right in front of him. Taiyou was just downright amazed, and Kohaku was having fun.

Although there was supposed to be three choices, isn’t she just contradicting her own statement if the three choices were the same?!

「What’s wrong Taiyou-chan? You should choose quickly desu」

「……Is there an option for me not to choose any of these skills?」

「That’s also fine, but in return, you won’t be allowed to level up desuyo~」

「I don’t even have an option not to choose?!」

「Nevertheless……The skill is Idol?」

「Kohaku-san, do you know…..What the “Idol” skill is?」

Kotone was asking Kohaku.

「There is a double meaning. There is a meaning of it being a religious thing, like a Buddhist Statue or a Cross jya. Moreover it has another meaning of being a personality idol」

「Buddhist statue…..」

「Personality Idol…..」

「I wonder which one it refers to?」

The questions the three sisters were asking, were precisely what Taiyou was wondering as well.

If all the three choices were the same, then it didn’t matter which he chose. It was more important to discern the meaning of the word itself.

The previous three choices were very easy for Taiyou to understand as it was game related. Even without saying it, when he saw long distance invalidity he could approximate what it meant, similarly with the other two skills, he could grasp the concept of what they might do.

However “Idol” was a very obscure term and he could not discern as to what it would do.

Taiyou thinks about this for a while before turning to Hera and asking.

「……..Let me just ask this to make sure but, it’s not a negative ability is it?」

「A negative thing?」

「I’m asking you if there is going to be some sort of a minus effect if I take this ability」

「If that’s what your worried about it’s alright desu, I swear it by my name~」

「I don’t really know how much value I can place on your name but…..Okay, in that case, I will choose “Idol” as my ability」

「Yes~」

Hera responds and does another twirl in mid-air. And, the area around them went silent for a moment…..

Within this silence, Taiyou was looking around the vicinity for anything amiss, and also at his own hands to see if anything was different. He wanted to make sure that something had occurred but he could not feel a single difference.

「So, What exactly happened?」

「Taiyou-chan, I’ll confirm your status for you~」

「Hou, I think it might be a skill that passively raises your abilities jyana」

As soon as Kohaku said this, everyone was startled and Taiyou’s ability was being confirmed by the girls.

To use the terms Kohaku to describe it, the feeling of information being sent into your brain was like it “was being sent between the back of the molars straight into your eyeballs”.

「It seems that your former abilities have increased haven’t they?」

「Ahh」

Taiyou nods. Everyone was seeing the same status screen of Taiyou’s. For instance, the power that Taiyou relied on the most which was his Strength had a value of “70(+17)” next to it. And this doesn’t stop at just his strength, even his other values had a plus attached to it.

「Although every ability had a bonus attached to it, the figures seem to be really random」

「Taiyou-san, this isn’t random, isn’t it going up by a percentage?」

「Look, at “Dexterity” and “Luck”」

「These two abilities start with the same value, and the additional bonus points are also the same」

After hearing the three sister’s speculation, Taiyou was reconfirming their theory. And it was certainly the situation they described it to be.

「Umu, they all increased by around 25 percent jyana. But it seems that they are rounded down by half」

「So it’s 25%…」

「Yes~, because it’s for two people that’s why its 25 nanodesuyo~」

「For two? What do you mean?」

「You are pretty slow aren't cha Taiyou-chan, it can only mean that Taiyou-chan has two people~」

「Huh……..?」

Taiyou was looking doubtful, he was racking his brains trying to figure out what she meant.

By chance, he looked towards Kohaku and the three sisters. At first they were also quite confused, as their eyebrows were puckered up and they were frowning, however, the girls managed to notice something before Taiyou was able to.

Immediately after, the three sisters were acting bashful, and the corners of Kohaku's mouth was raised to a smile.

What was happening? Taiyou became even more confused at the situation.

「Don't you understand yet ~? Mou, Taiyou is such a blockhead nanodesu~」

「This isn't making any sense, right….? Eh? did you just call me a blockhead?」

After being retorted by Hera, Taiyou was taken aback.

"Blockhead" and "two people"…. Moreover, the three sisters who realized something were acting all shy, and Kohaku was in a good mood.

After collating all this information, Taiyou came to a single conclusion.

Don't tell me……..just as Taiyou was thinking about this, Hera came in and told him the correct answer.

「It's exactly as you suspect desuyo~ Because Taiyou-chan's bride is two people, your abilities has risen by 25% to match the love of the two people. By the way, if you only had one bride then it will only be half the increase desu」

「…….What you are telling me is that, because Kotone, Suzune, and Kazane are here and also Kohaku-san. If the girls are by my side, I get a boost to my abilities?」

「That's not it, your abilities have increased because you are loved by them desuyo~」

「Love—-」

Hearing such an immediate and direct explanation of the situation from Hera, Taiyou was profusely blushing.

Although he thought about the possibility of this in his own mind, thinking about it and it being pointed out brings about a different kind of embarrassment.

Seeing him blush in such a way, Kohaku who was on the side wore a content smile on her face.

「I understand now, is that why the ability is called "Idol"」

「Does it mean Idolatry?」(TL Note: Idolatry meaning is: extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone)

When Taiyou says this, Kohaku nods in response.

「That’s right jyana, our belief—or our love for you is what makes you stronger nojya」

「Please! Don’t say such a thing with such a straight face…..」

If there was a hole to crawl into, Taiyou would gladly do so right now.

「Yes~, The more brides Taiyou-chan has that loves him, the stronger he will become desu~」

Hera was speaking out thoughtlessly as per usual. Kotone who hears these words went “Ahh” as her voice leaked out.

He was about to ask her what was wrong, so he turned towards Kotone, but it wasn’t just Kotone, even the two other sisters looked like they were feeling depressed.

「What’s wrong?」

「Unn, umm….Us three altogether are only considered as one person…」

「Until now we’ve always thought that this was fine, but now…..We will only be able to help Taiyou-san as one person instead of three」

「If us three girls were not triplets and were separate people it would of been much better….Is what we are thinking」

「I understand, I am counted as a single person, whilst you three are counted as a single person……..I can see why you would feel anxious about this jyana」

Whilst saying this, Kohaku was signalling Taiyou to make a move. Taiyou nodded to Kohaku implying that he understood. He approaches the three girls who were feeling down, and all three of them were embraced.

「You guys don’t have to worry. This kind of thing is only a bonus. In fact I feel that you three being counted as one person is a good thing. I think that you guys are ideal even if you are just one person」

「「「Taiyou-san…….」」」

The three sisters were clinging on to Taiyou with moistened eyes.

As he embraced the girls closely, Taiyou noticed that the value of his ability, ‘Harem’ actually had “65535(-16383)” wasn’t this a negative value?!

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Noticing this figure, Taiyou was completely shocked. There was a 65535 and next to it in brackets a figure of -16383. At first if this was to appear next to the Harem stat he wouldn’t know what it meant, but considering the effects of his new passive skill, he had a general idea of what it meant.

Although at first glance the figures don’t make sense, but 16383 was actually 25% of 65535. He was able to know this at once. What he didn’t understand was why, there was a negative sign next to this maxed out stat. He was thinking about such a thing whilst still hugging the three sisters. Getting curious about this he asked for Kohaku’s opinion.

「What’s wrong nojya? You are making a face that seems like a pigeon just got rejected by it’s mate」

「What kind of a face is that….? No that’s not my question. Right now, I saw a status that seems really off」

「A status that’s really weird?」

Kohaku was just parroting his words. Taiyou hesitated whether or not to answer her back. In a certain sense, this particular status point, was one that he didn’t really want the girls to find out about.

I mean after all, it’s a status called “Harem”. The current situation was without a doubt being influenced by this status point, depending on the interpretation of the stats, you can even say that the stat has actually warped their minds to see him in a positive light.

Because of this he was quite afraid whether or not he wanted to ask Kohaku about this, however, he thought that concealing this matter, would be way too insincere towards the girls.

「It’s about the status called harem」

「Hou, is there such a thing?」

Kohaku had an interested expression and her eyes were looking left and right. Probably in search of the status. Before long, she seemed to find it, and her face changed into a happy expression.

「This is interesting nou」

「Really?」

「Umu, the fact that this exists, that it has such an outstanding value, and that there is a drop in the value, it’s all very interesting」

「Huh? Why do you say it has dropped in value?」

「Isn't it something that will drop in value?」

Being curious Kohaku asked Hera.

「Yes~ the passive skill "Idol" is an ability that will improve the more brides Taiyou has, even if the value of the status is at 0, even if Taiyou became the enemy of all human kind, it is not supposed to go into a negative figure desu~」

「Fumu, I wonder what kind of thing this is then?」

Taiyou thinks for a little, a certain thing was remembered.

「……This is probably because of overflow, isn't it?」

「Overflow?」

Kohaku was confused by the word, so the matter was explained to her. He explained that when he was level 3, the Harem value which was supposed to be at 0 points, suddenly reduced and instead of going into the negative values, it became 65535.

「I understand, for something that was way out of your expectations, it isn't strange that the results are also out of everyone's expectations, jyana. However, it seems that the effects of the ability remain unchanged jya. Even though plus has become minus, the effects remain at 25% jyana」

「Doesn't this mean that, when there is eight people like you girls beside me, this value will reach 0」

「It seems that way jyana. Moreover」

Kohaku's face was smirking but only one side of her mouth was lifted.

「For you, it seems that your limit will be seven brides. Although it is still thousands of steps away before you are able to achieve seven brides, if one day you do manage to get an eighth bride, the value will immediately reach 0, and it may be the case that, you will no longer be able to maintain this relationship of a harem」

Saying this whilst maintaining the happy expression on her face, Kohaku turned to the three sisters.

「Aren't you guys glad that you are counted as one person nou? if you were counted as three then you would of taken, two slots away from him jya」

Although he didn't understand why they were clinging on to him with watery eyes before, now they were looking at him with clear eyes and even a smile on their faces.

「Kukuku, it's good to know that you've gotten your spirits back up jya. ……On the other hand, what's wrong with you, it's almost like you are the one getting the marriage blues now?」

「…….that's not it. it's just that, I remembered the fact that this figure actually existed, and it kind of bugged me」

「Fumu? What's wrong with this figure? Rather than having 65535, would you prefer it if it said 255?」

「You really don’t know…….? Please understand me, if you don’t…….I…….」

For a while after that, a heavy atmosphere wrapped around the place.

Taiyou becomes silent, and Kohaku puckers up her eyebrows. The three sisters didn’t know exactly what was happening and so they were getting quite nervous for Taiyou. Nobody knew what to say next and so everyone was just staying silent.

After a while, Taiyou let out a sigh and started to speak.

「Harem 65535……I had almost forgotten that this kind of thing existed, but now I remember it. If I have to be honest with you guys, I think that my relationship with you guys, is all because of this particular status value」

「…….Ahh, so what you are trying to say is….」

Kohaku plopped her fist into her palm in realization and her eyes were smiling.

「That you are feeling sorry for the fact, that this figure has warped our minds to favour you」

「……」

「I see, I have understood the situation. You girls, can you separate from him?」

「Yes」

「I understand」

「If it doesn’t work, it’s our turn to try to cheer him up next okay?」

The three sisters obediently parts from Taiyou.

「Umu, I will rely on it」

Kohaku nods, and the women seemed to be communicating with their eyes.

「You, bend your head down a little」

「Eh?」

「Bend it nojya」

「……Alright」

Taiyou nods and stoops his head. He thought that perhaps he said something stupid and made her angry. And he was prepared to get a slap on the face or something. Thinking in this manner, he slouches forward, closes his eyes and presents his face.

When he did—-

Chuu. *Kiss*

He didn’t get the slap on the face that he predicted. Instead, a smacking sound was heard, it was the feeling of her wet lips. Getting taken aback, Taiyou opened his eyes widely.

「K-Kohaku san」

「Did you think that I would slap you?」

「Umm….Yes」

「I wouldn’t do such a thing, if I was going to do something like, that I’d use my fist and strike hard enough to make your face transform or to leave a scar nojya. Even so, isn’t this good, that doing this is already effective……enough」

「Wh, what do you mean?」

「It’s just like you said jyarouna, the current relationship you have between me and the girls and the fact that we are getting along so well, might be because of that ability called Harem. However, even if that were the case that doesn’t mean anything to me」

「Eh?」

「Even if it was because of this value of 65535, I am just really so happy to be together with you, this fact doesn’t change. I desire you, and the you who accepted me for who I was, made me really happy nojya」

「B,but……」

「Taiyou-san, do you remember our dream?」

This time Kotone was asking him.

「Dream?」

「Yes, our dreams. Since we were kids, the three of us dreamed of loving the same man…….and being in a harem together」

「Right now we understand it, being involved with Taiyou-san, we think that Taiyou-san is definitely a person who is going to make a harem」

「It’s not because we were affected by this figure of 65535, it’s because 65535 people can be in your harem」

「That is…」

Although Taiyou wanted to say something, the three sisters had a tone that didn’t want to be interrupted.

「Just like Kohaku-san we are so happy right now. You listened to our selfish desires」

「We know that Taiyou-san is a person that will be able to fulfil our selfish desires, and even up to seven people 」

「And being one of those people, we are…….Extremely, very, very, very, very happy!」

「If you need to hear more then…..I also, feel similarly to them nojya. I told you about how the Eternally little were not blessed when trying to find a companion right? Not only does my appearance look to be childish, but within, I am an old lady, and for you to accept me makes me so happy. You having, that ability has no relationship with my feelings for you nojya」

Hearing the girls talk like this one after another, Taiyou opened his eyes widely and was standing still in dumbfounded silence.

He did not think that they would feel this way about him, and to convey it to him in this kind of way.

However, for someone like Taiyou, the more extreme the situation, he would on the contrary become really calm and collect his cool, such is the peculiar characteristic of the boy named Taiyou.

Although his heart shook violently for an instant, he was able to recollect his thoughts in the next moment.

When he did, instead of feeling sorry or apologetic, he felt that they were truly beautiful human beings and he was filled with warmth.

Although he felt pretty happy recently, this particular case was by far the best one of them all.

They accepted him even though, he told them about having a status point called harem capped at 65535. He truly felt they were dear to him……..no for the first time, he felt this was definitely “love”.

Up until now, this question has always been repeated in his mind. And the amount of times….He thought that he felt love was not few either.

However right now, Taiyou was absolutely sure of it, he was completely sure of his intentions.

At first he thought that surely, with a status point like harem……it was only meant for him to become happy and not the women with him……However, his goal was not only for himself, but to also make the girls happy as well.

Therefore, he thought, more, and more “I want to make this happiness even stronger”. The more the number of women in his harem increases, not only will his happiness increase, but the girl’s happiness will also increase. That’s why he looked straight at the four of them and declared a vow.

「I understand. In that case, I…..will make a harem of seven girls!」

And to that, the girls responded by smiling radiantly.

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The two brides watched Taiyou with wet eyes.

Taiyou's bold proclamation that he would create a harem of seven brides was like he was a male actor who claimed he had experience acting in a female kabuki role, normally one would receive a grand bashing from the crowd if they arrogantly stated something like this, but fortunately for him, right in this place there was nobody who would denounce him.

When he mentioned creating a harem of "Seven Brides" not to mention the three sisters, even Kohaku was enraptured by his declaration, and they had glittering eyes.

Seeing their reactions, Taiyou became even more determined.

「Please try your best Taiyou-san!」

「We will do whatever we can to help out as well」

「Let's create a harem together!」

「When I look at you guys, I am reminded of Nohime」(TL: Princess No; also known as Lady No; Also Known as Kicho)

The three sisters turned their faces towards Kohaku in puzzlement after hearing her words.

「Ahh sorry, would it have been better if I called her Kicho? She is Oda Nobunaga's legal wife jya. If I had to choose, I much prefer to call her by her pet name Nohime jya」

「Heh, then what about Hideyoshi's wife? 」

「Nei」(TL: Nei; Nene, One, Nemoji, Kodai-in, these are all her aliases)

「So you prefer that huh? Have you ever met them in person?」

Taiyou had a bittersweet smile on his face as he tilted his head. Because this is Kohaku they are talking about, there is actually a very real possibility that she may have known them in her life.

「Umm, you mean between us and…..Nohime?」 (Kotone speaking)

「Did Nobunaga's wife have any special features?」 (Suzune)

「You can't be saying that, she's also a triplet like us right?」 (Kazane)

「No, there is no such thing. Whilst in the warring states period humans did gossip about women and about Gundam, there was not much gossip about twins. At those times, if there was more than two children in your stomach you would be branded an “abomination of nature” and the people would abhor you for it」

「No, I really don’t think there would be gossip about Gundam in that time period…」

Taiyou was trying to butt into the conversation, but he was completely ignored.

「The reason I said that you were similar to Nohime, is because she doesn’t get jealous at all the concubines Nobunaga had and she managed to bring them together an live in harmony jya. Because of this fact, Nobunaga could concentrate all his efforts into ruling the country and not worrying about his family matters. If you were to compare it to Tokugawa Ieyasu’s wife Lady Tsukiyama then Nohime would win as the model wife by a landslide jya」

「Isn’t that much, a natural thing for us to achieve?」 (Kotone)

「After all, we are planning to make a harem」 (Suzune)

「Yeah, if you were to write happiness into a word, for us that word would be read as harem」 (Kazane)

「Umu, I completely agree with you guys jya」 (Kohaku)

“Was is really that natural?” Taiyou pondered to himself. When he started to think about things, the thoughts in his mind gradually became wilder.

Kotone, Suzune, Kazane and Kohaku.

Taiyou continued to stare at the beautiful women around him who passionately talked about maintaining a harmonious harem together.

They looked really lovely, sweet and above all they were so precious to him.

The feelings inside of Taiyou gradually began to well up.

Deep within his chest all the way to the base of his crotch. Both these spots were throbbing with excitement and he started to feel a sweet aching.

Up until now, he has already experienced this feeling before. However, up till now there has always been someone to interrupt him.

Right now, there is only one obstruction who could stand in his way. Other than this one obstruction there was nothing else.

「……」

Taiyou silently grabbed on to the little fairy, opened the window, brandishing the fairy above him as he threw her far away into the yonder with all his might.

When he did this, the girls had a suspicious look on their faces but this only lasted for a fleeting moment.

Taiyou approached the girls and gave them each a kiss one by one.

It was unnecessary for meaningless worlds, because all their feelings right at this moment

were enough to convey their emotions.

That evening, Taiyou had become a man.

The morning air was cold.

On the edge of the St. Hanazono in the area between a river and a river bank was a bridge named Hiroshise Bridge.

Taiyou went here in the morning and gazed at the glittering river surface.

Although this common saying may be a little cliché, Taiyou was under the impression that the man he is today, is completely different to who he was yesterday.

Everything in his line of sight also seemed to change in comparison with yesterday, additionally the way he interpreted things and the way he felt about things was different.

He felt like his perspective had been widened.

Everyone who has experienced this feeling would know that it was the feeling of reaching enlightenment. If you were to ask the reason, that's because—

「Good morning desu, Taiyou-chan~」

「It's you…..?」

Hera who had not shown herself for the whole night, was now showing herself. She was enthusiastically calling out to him and Taiyou just returned her greeting with a bland response.

「Ohh, Taiyou-chan, you seem to be covered in sweat desu. What's wrong Taiyou-chan? Did you eat something expired or something~?」

「Hey, Hera tell me something」

「Yes desu~?」

「How do you think we can achieve world peace?」

「Taiyou-chan did you pick up the book of enlightenment or something!?」

Hera was so surprised that she vigorously danced around in the air.

「In my opinion this is how it will be possible, if I make every single woman in this world into my bride, the world will be able to achieve world peace, don't you think?」

「Hahii!?」(Ehh!?)

「I bet that Genghis Khan wanted to accomplish this. He wanted to make all the women in the world into his bride. He aimed for the ultimate goal of global peace by doing so」

「Excuse me…….Taiyou-chan?」

「He was not able to achieve such a thing, however, if it's me, I feel like I can do it!」

「Wait a moment nodesu~! Taiyou-chan stop that train of thought for just one moment! Or more like, you can't be trying to make such a hefty decision whilst you look so unwell nanodesuyo~!」

「I've already decided, first I will—-」

「You need to wait a minute!!」

「Guhahh!」 Arggh!

Hera did her special attack of revolving her body and then crashing into Taiyou's crotch. (**Light Novel Illustration: Taiyou-chan~ Snap out of it!!**)

The results were extremely effective!

「Uguu, Y-you……Wh-why……」

Taiyou crouched in pain whilst holding on to his groin, his forehead immediately dribbled with cold sweat, and he had a face filled with agony as he looked at Hera.

「Did you come out of your delusion desuka? If you are still crazy then I'll do one mor—」

「I'm already sane, so please!」

Taiyou definitely could not withstand a combo attack, and he raised his voice whilst enduring the pain.

「Is that so~? Then Taiyou-chan, let me ask you, what is the thing you should be doing desuka~?」

「……..Not the whole w-world…..Just make seven brides」

Taking short gasps of air, he answered Hera's question whilst suppressing his groins.

「That's the spirit nanodesu~ Taiyou-chan's job is not to think about world peace, but to think about creating a harmonious environment within the domestic family level nanodesu~」

「Y..yeah……」

Taiyou nods, and was bearing the pain as best he could. Strangely enough after feeling the pain, his head cleared up to a new level of clarity.

「Your face seems to be one that has calmed down desune~」

「Yeah」

「Then that's good desu. If Taiyou-chan suddenly went on a rampage and then started to rape girls, there is likely no one who could ever stop you desukara~」

「No…..I think you stopped me pretty easily」

Whilst saying this, Taiyou still felt a faint amount of pain throbbing in his groins. However, he understood Hera's point. To a certain extent, he understood his own strength, and if he were to become serious and ・・・・do that to the girls, then it is likely that no one on this earth could stop him…

After achieving a sense of clearness in his mind, Taiyou reviews the present power he currently held within his own mind, and after that he asked Hera a question.

「Hey, Hera can you tell me the maximum level I can achieve?」

「Eh? Haven't I told you before? Or more like for a level up master like Taiyou-chan, wouldn't you have asked me a question like this ages ago~?」

「Well I managed to forget it somehow」

「Is that so desuka? Well I guess it's alright. Taiyou-chan can reach a maximum level of 100 nanodesuyo~」

「So it isn't level 99 but level 100? Ahh, I guess it makes sense, because each new ability gained is in multiples of 5」

「That's correct desu~」

「By the way, is there any other human beings in this world that can level up just like me? Judging from your way of speaking, I've been led to believe that there must be others like me」

「Well there is other people, but…….」

「But?」

「There can only be one person with your ability to level up, at any one time, it is impossible for two people like you to exist at the same world nanodesu. When Taiyou-chan dies, I will also disappear, and at that point a new fairy will show up and attach themselves to another human being desu~」

「……You're speaking about a terrible thing like its nothing」

「You think so?」

Unlike Taiyou who had just gained a vital piece of information, Hera was completely nonchalant about the whole thing.

「Well, in any case, I have one last question. If I manage to increase my level to the absolute limit, just how strong will I become?」

「Taiyou-chan is a strength type person, so if you ask me how strong you will be, it's a really difficult thing to answer, but……~」

Hera had folded arms whilst putting one of her hands against her chin and was in the thinking pose.

「If you were to ever fight someone 1 vs. 1 then you would without a doubt be the strongest person in this world desuyo~」

「The strongest in the world」

Taiyou repeated her words like a parrot, the reason he repeated her words in such a monotone voice was because, it all just seemed too unrealistic.

Suddenly, he thought about the Goth Lolita albino girl. (TL: Shirokiyami)

If I become the strongest in the world, then it would mean that I was stronger than even her.

The memory of having to endure her killing intent was still quite fresh in his mind, and just thinking about the fact that he would be much stronger than her, was enough to make him really excited about the prospects.

He pulls out his status within his mind once again to confirm the state of things.

Although it will still take a bit of time for him to reach level 100 from level 10, it was only a matter of time before he obtained this level.

His speciality was raising levels, and right now, he had clear purpose to follow. In such a case, he had no doubts that he would be able to reach level 100.

Right now all he needed was to take one step at a time, in order to advance to the next level.

He was still looking through his stats and it was at this time that he suddenly took a step backwards.

The “Idol” ability which increased a portion of his stats wasn’t working properly and right in front of his eyes, his stats had been reduced by half!

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「—— !」

「What’s wrong Taiyou-chan?」

「My abilities…..have decreased in value」

「Eh?」

「My Status…. It’s not at the correct value, it decreased!」

「Eh? You’re right, the abilities that “Idol” has increased has been revised to only one person desu」

「One person…….?」

Staring at the abilities, they were confirming it once again.

Just like Hera has said, the stats that has been increased by the skill “Idol” has all decreased by half across the board……..In other words, from two person’s worth, it has been reduced to only one person giving him a boost in the stats.

「What’s this about? Does “Idol” have a maximum range of effectiveness, and someone got out that range?」

「Let me see desune, this has no relationship to “Idol’s” effective range. The only reason it would decrease is if someone came to hate Taiyou-chan, or if they died——」

Without even waiting for Hera to finish her sentence, Taiyou impatiently burst into a run away from the river area he was in. He kicked the ground with his full strength and ran in the direction he came from.

With a speed that would have broken the track record of all the high school students, Taiyou returned to “Taiyou’s Castle”, threw open the door and went inside. And without any hesitation he entered the biggest room in the first floor, which was his own room.

Inside of here, Kohaku’s appearance could be seen.

Under the futon that was laid on top of the tatami mat, she was wearing nothing but her birthday suit, and she merely had a poor excuse of a blanket to cover her body. Although he still remembered traces of her captivating body which he had explored last night, now was not the time to be distracted by such thoughts.

Taiyou restlessly looked around his room.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

Before he left for the river bank area, he was sure that he saw the three girls lying down in bed with Kohaku quietly letting out their peaceful sleeping sounds. But as of right now, he could not find the three of them.

Taiyou flew out of the room, this time he went straight towards the second floor.

This was the designated room for the three sisters, and he didn't even bother to knock as he barged into the room.

「Kotone, Suzune!」

Inside, he could see both Kotone and Suzune. The two of them was already wearing casual clothes, and they were huddling together in the center of the room.

After calling out their names, Taiyou had a really bad premonition about all of this.

That was because, the smallest of the three sisters, Kazane's figure was nowhere to be seen…… But even more than the fact that he couldn't see Kazane, was the appearance of the two people huddling in that awkward pose, it gave him a really bad feeling.

His movements stopped in place and he gazed at the two girls. When he did this, he somehow got the feeling like the two girls were within some sort of snowy mountain.

It was like they were in a freezing mountain that violently blew out snow and the two people were trying to escape the cold by huddling together for any semblance of warmth.

He saw both Kotone and Suzune, in that kind of way right now.

Taiyou instinctively rubbed his eyes.

When he did, the optical illusion of the snowy mountains disappeared and the scene of the two girls trembling in place was emphasised as he drew closer towards them.

「Kotone, Suzune」

Once again he called out their names, this time he talked to them with a gentle undertone, as if he was speaking to a frightened child. Thereupon, the two girls reacted to his words and slowly looked up. Their round pupils gradually regained their focus and as they caught Taiyou's appearance they both jumped up to hug him.

「Ahh, Ahh」

「Uuuu…….」

The two girls were letting out some strange moans as they continued to cling on to Taiyou. It was as if the two girls had degenerated into infants and Taiyou was holding on to them very gently.

「What's wrong you guys? Where is Kazane?」

He asked them this question, but he was not able to get a response. The girls were only able to cling to him like a baby.

「What's the matter jya?」

Kohaku arrived at the scene. First thing after rising, Kohaku was nude and merely had thin bed sheets wrapped around her body.

「Kohaku-san, Do you have any idea where Kazane is?」

「I don't know, unfortunately…… Did something happen?」

Just a few seconds ago, she still had a voice that was half asleep, but in an instant, Kohaku's tone of voice had become serious.

「I'm not sure, but she's the only one I can't find. Moreover―」

Taiyou showed the scene of the two girls who was being embraced by him to Kohaku. Perhaps the two girls didn't like the fact that he was loosening his grasp on them, but they leaked out another moan as they held on even tighter.

「This doesn't seem to be a joke jyano」

「Please take a look at my stats」

「Umu? ……..It has been reduced by half jya」

Kohaku immediately notices the problem and the middle of her forehead had formed into a deep frown.

「The reason it decrease is not because of me…….If that's the case then, something may have happened to Kazane jyana」

「Yeah, that's why I wanted to hear the story from the girls, but they don't seem to be capable of talking right now」

「Umu……..」

「Taiyou-chan, you ran so fast desuyo ~ Taiyou-chan」

Hera returned after finally catching up and Taiyou immediately asked her a question.

「Hera, can you please check the surroundings of this house for me?」

「Eh?」

「I can't find Kazane. Please go into the air and confirm this for me」

「I, I understand desu」

Hera flew from the door she just entered and after a short while she returned.

「She's not anywhere in the house desu. I flew within a 50 metre radius of this house in order to make sure but she's not here desu」

「Something must of happened」

「Ahh…….」

Taiyou and Kohaku were both nodding, but considering that they didn't have any clues as to what occurred, they were at a loss at what they should do.

Taiyou and the rest of the group approached the living terrace. Kotone and Suzune was still in their age regression state and Taiyou was cuddling them and soothing them in his embrace.

Beside him Kohaku took out her smartphone and was using it to make a call to somebody.

「How is it?」

「It's no good jya, they aren't responding」

Lowering the smart phone, Kohaku frowns. Just before she cut the connection, Taiyou could hear the answering machine announcements and it only made him feel more depressed.

「What on earth…….Went wrong?」

「Let me ask, have the girls ever taken any separate action before?」

「That is…..There is, even at school, sometimes they would separate from each other」

Taiyou recalled a story he once heard from Kotone and he relayed the main parts of this story to Kohaku.

「Even if the girls are apart their emotions and feelings are connected with something like a telepathic connection. If something like this existed, even if they were apart they should have been fine」

「I understand, no perhaps it is precisely because of this….」

「Because of this?」

「The loss of one of the party member」

Kohaku used words that wasn't generally popular for daily usage, however with this one sentence, Taiyou understood everything.

The moment he understood, he quickly looked towards Kotone and Suzune's face.

These triplets who were born together on the same day had something that regular humans did not have; it was not merely a connection of the blood. Seeing how they were regressing to this state of acting like infants, Kohaku is implying that something may have happened to Kazane's body.

「No way, that kind of thing is impossible―」

「Do you really want to cling to a false sense of hope?」

「……..I'm sorry」

「It's fine. More importantly we need to focus on the situation at hand. In this scenario we have two main options, one is to search for her by ourselves, and the other option is to contact the authorities and ask them to search for her jyaga……」 (TL: Jyaga = however)

「The police can't be relied upon」

Taiyou immediately replied and agreed to Kohaku's thoughts.

The fact that the three sisters are in this kind of situation in the first place, is because of their rotten father who wanted to sell them out. If the police are notified of Kazane being missing then obviously her father would also be notified, that's a thing that everyone would like to avoid. Because they didn't want such a thing to occur, they never had the choice of relying on the police in the first place.

「In that case, our only option is to search by ourselves」

「That's true」

「I will also help desu, if I search from the skies it may become easier desu」

「I'm relying on you」

The three people nodded towards each other, and after that they left the building in order to look for Kazane. The three of them separated in different directions as per Kohaku's suggestion. Taiyou was also assigned to search a different location, however…

「Ahh, Ahh」

「Uuu……..」

After he tried to go out of the building, the two girls strongly clung on to Taiyou. Whenever he moved even a little bit, the two people would dislike it and he couldn't really move around freely. He needed to do something about it. Taiyou frantically thought of ideas within his own head and tried them out. However no matter what he did, the girls were desperately holding on to him and wouldn't let go.

「……It can't be helped」

Whilst puckering up his eyebrows, he lifted the two girls up into his arms. Each girl was in each one of his arms, it was almost like they were a small child. As expected the two girls willingly climbed into his arms, and this didn't hinder his movements in the slightest.

The Taiyou right now, had no problems whatsoever holding these two girls in his arms. Thinking that perhaps this was the only way, Taiyou started to run while carrying the girls. In this kind of strange looking manner, Taiyou ran around town looking for any hints of Kazane's whereabouts.

He hoped that perhaps, their psychic abilities would reignite like they did when they were kids and perhaps the two girls would be able to act like a sort of radar to detect where Kazane was. However other than clinging to him and disliking it when they parted, they didn't show any other reactions.

「Kuu……What am I supposed to do?」

He searched every nook and corner of St. Hanazono town, but he couldn't even find a clue to follow. (TL: St. Hanazono was previously translated as Seikasono Town)

This only served to make him grow more restless.

「I found….. you」

Suddenly a voice from his back was heard. It was a very peculiar method of speaking, and it was a very familiar voice. To Taiyou this voice was like a voice sent from heaven. If it's her then perhaps—!

When he turned around, Shirokiyami was standing there but……for whatever reason, she also brought along Kazane with her.

「Kazane！」

Taiyou called out her name and rushed towards her. Kazane seemed completely out of it

and looked to be unconscious.

「Kotone? Suzune?」

For some reason, even though Kazane was right in front of them, Kotone and Suzune remained in their infant-like state.

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He suppressed his flustered emotions and confirmed Kazane’s situation. Although she looks somewhat unwell, there aren’t any conspicuous external wounds. From top to bottom, even her flat chest, looked the same as Kohaku. She looks as if she was sleeping, but on the other hand, Kotone and Suzune were still regressing into infants.
”What kind of situation is this?” Taiyou pondered.

「What Happened? 」
「A traffic accident」
「A traffic accident? 」
「Yeah, a car ignored the traffic light…and as she tried to avoid it, she slipped…and hit her head. 」
「…Eh? 」
「Since then, she has been…unconscious. 」
「I wouldn’t call something like this a traffic accident…or would you? 」

Taiyou tilted his neck and imagined the scene. In the instance of listening to Shirokiyami’s explanation, he imagined the worst, but in reality, it was a story-like event. Nevertheless, he was relieved it wasn’t a large accident.
Taiyou let Kotone and Suzune down and placed them in front of Kazane. Because the two sisters didn’t notice Kazane’s situation and had decided to cling to Taiyou, he lead their gazes and made the sisters’ hands touch.
At the moment they touched hands, the two older sisters started to cling to their unconscious younger sister. ”Such a thing is expected” The understanding feeling was growing in Taiyou’s chest.

「Leaving that… aside」
Shirokiyami came to talk with Taiyou, interrupting any time for deep thought. With her eyes facing forward, Taiyou was startled. To the default emotionless girl, it was rare to see her eyes fill with rage.

「When I brought her back to…. The apartment…..you weren’t there」
「Ah」

「Were you trying to… escape…In the middle of the night? 」
「No no no, why would I think of escaping? 」

「You…owe me money」
「…Ah」

Being told that, The compensation for breaking her katana, and there is also her part of the reward for the request I gave her. Either way to a student like Taiyou, it is an outrageous amount of money, but at the same time, he is also convinced that it is a fair amount for the things she did for him. That’s why he won’t deny having this huge debt to her.

After all he left the mansion without telling her and escaped during the night, so it wasn't unreasonable for her to think that he was trying to run away.

「Sorry」

「If you understand then…then I guess I don't need to call my illegal loan shark…. friend」
「Please don't bring up such a scary person! I'm really sorry, it's just that I recently moved」
「…So, you won't try to…escape? 」

「I swear that it's not like that」
「I see」

Shirokiyami quietly nodded. The rage in her eyes steadily lessened.
It seems like she accepted his words.

「Then, you will pay… the debt? 」
「When I become successful in life, then I will surely pay」

He said the same words that he had said before. There is no way he could pay that eight digit debt right now.

「I…understand」

With that, she seemed to have understood. "If she was calmer, she would have known that it was a given" thought Taiyou.

「Leaving that aside, let's move. I want to settle Kazane down"

Taiyou said that, picked up three clinging sisters in his arms, and with Shirokiyami, headed in the direction of "Taiyou Castle"

In the Hayakawa sisters' room of Taiyou Castle. In the incomplete room with barely any furniture, while still tightly hugging each other, the girls slept. With Kazane, who experienced an accident, in the middle, Kotone and Suzune were on her left and right side, clinging to her. After Taiyou confirmed the situation and left the room, Kohaku was waiting there.

「They've rested well, I see」
「Aah…」

「Don't make such a face. From what I see, there is no external wounds on their bodies, and eventually, it will be as if nothing happened」

「I hope so」
「Is there something bothering you? 」
「Please confirm for me as well, has the "Idol" status's compensation still not returned?

「Hmph…it's true」

Kohaku, her eyes changing to be big and round, made a gesture to confirm.

「If it's not you who caused the reduction, then it must be the girls. Even though the girls have already returned safely… why isn't it fixed?」
「Maybe there is a cool down on the skill because you spent the night together?」

Kohaku said teasingly.

「Even if that were really the case, that would be better than the alternative」
「Well, anyways, don't mind it. For now, we should just wait for their condition to get better…and until she wakes up…furthermore 」
「Eh? 」
「If your abilities did decrease then all you have to do is get it back up right? Or are you saying that after spending the night with them, you are the one with a cool down?」
「…Of course not」

「Then things that you need to do should be clear now right?」

「…I see」
Taiyou moved his mouth and made a faint smile. He thought that it is certainly as Kohaku said. "Idol" showed that if he were to lose the three sister's love, he would just have to get it back.

After spending the night with the three sisters those were his real thoughts. At the same time, thanks to Kohaku he was reminded of this very simple fact, and it made his heart feel warm.
「Thank you very much」

Taiyou said that, crouched down extremely naturally, and kissed Kohaku's lips.

「Mu」

With such a thing suddenly happening to her, Kokaku did not expect to be kissed all of a sudden. But, it was only for a moment. Kohaku touched her lips that were kissed by Taiyou and had a joyful face.

Her face was so cute, so he kissed her one more time and then her face began to flush. After that, the two went down the stairs, side-by-side, to the living room terrace. Shirokiyami was waiting there. She sat quietly in the sofa set up in the living room terrace and was blankly looking up at the ceiling.
She looked so defenseless that the words that Yurikago had said previously about her being the "Strongest Teenager" seemed like a complete lie.

Her elusive figured looked like it was about to disappear at any moment. Looking at her like this, Taiyou wanted to pull off a childish prank. The last time he fought with her was before he turned level 5. Now that he's level 10, he is certain that he was become stronger. But that's not all; he also had the "Idol" skill's compensation.
The last time they fought, he was utterly defeated. However, this time…? Taiyou thought that, and switching over halfway to ninja-like steps, he moved closer to her. Step, Step—. He moved closer one step at a time. She was just looking up at the ceiling and she didn't seem to notice that Taiyou was coming closer.

(This time—)

Within range. Taiyou kept moving closer, with a clenched fist, until he reached the distance where he could attack her; however, as soon as he did reach, the white girl's figure completely disappeared before his eyes.
Not as a metaphor, but she completely disappeared, literally. In an instant, he felt a

murderous intent from behind. It explosively expanded, and overwhelmingly swallowed up his whole body. It feels exactly same as the first time I met her.

「Free…ze」

Along with the sound of her unique breathing, there was also something sharp pressed on his back. It was not hard to imagine that it was her beloved sword, since he could feel a cold metal object digging deep into his skin.
Taiyou trembled at the thought that in one moment, all of this happened.

「Can I ask what and how did you do that? 」

Taiyou raised his arms and asked while trying be calm despite the situation.

「I just…moved…very quickly」
「You make it sound easy」

Taiyou smiled ironically. “Without any tricks or cheats, huh?” he thought.

「It isn’t…easy. Going head-to-head with you…is dangerous. That is why…I used all my powers to go around you」

Because Shirokiyami said that and lowered the tip of the sword, Taiyou also slowly lowered his arms and looked behind him.

「Do you really need to be that cautious? 」
「That power…you’re…strange」
「But what is your impression? 」
「Moreover…you seem…to have gotten stronger…again」
「You realized? From what I saw last time, didn’t you say that a conclusion couldn’t be made? 」
「It’s a woman’s…intuition」
「Doesn’t woman’s intuition work in a much different way? 」
「How…did you get stronger? 」
「That is…」

Taiyou was hesitating, because he couldn’t give an honest answer to her question. At the turn of last night, he drew a boundary line in his heart. He decided to confide about his level-ups to only to the people he likes and becomes his bride.
However, he was hesitant to how he was going to deceive her. But there was Kohaku, who gave him a lifeboat.
「Our husband becomes strong with love. He becomes stronger with each new bride 」(Kohaku Speaking)

「I…see」(Shirokiyami Speaking)
「You’re satisfied with that explanation?! 」(Taiyou Speaking)
「Yeah…because…you’ve become a lot stronger all of a….sudden」(Shirokiyami Speaking)

After talking like this Kohaku looked up towards the top of the stairway.

In front of her line of sight was the appearance of the three sisters. The three were clearly different from before; they had returned to their usual self.

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Taiyou ran up the stairs in a dash and embraced the three girls closely. As if he was trying to feel their temperature, he hugged them really strongly.

「Taiyou-san」

「Umm, It hurts a little」

「I give, I give」

The three sisters were in pain as he hugged them too hard and they were appealing to him to loosen his grip.

They gave him a clear answer.

Unlike how they were moments ago, the girls were able to give him a proper answer.

And Taiyou felt really relieved that they were fine. When he saw them in that infant-like state….. he was imagining all the worst possibilities and now that he saw them safe and sound, it made him feel so much relief that it brought tears to his eyes.

「I’m glad, that you guys have returned」 (Taiyou)

「I’m sorry to have made you worry」 (Kotone)

「We became weird again didn’t we?」 (Suzune)

「It’s because I hit my head……」 (Kazane)

「No, as long as you guys are okay, then I’m happy」(Taiyou)

Taiyou loosened his grip slightly, but he didn’t completely let go of his embrace.

When he was reminded of their pitiful state his chest would feel tight, because no matter how anyone would see it, when Kazane went missing, the two girls seemed to have gone “Crazy”.

Taiyou strongly thought within his own mind that he never wanted to see them like that ever again.

In order to make sure of it…. he embraced the three girls closely and thought of various different plans and ideas.

「……」

「What’s wrong jya? Why are your eyes looking like that? Do you want to be hugged by him as well?」(Kohaku Speaking to Shirokiyami)

「That is….Not really. I just feel a little……strange」

「Strange?」

「After the girls showed up……He who ran up the stairs…..clearly became strong, er」

「Oh, it's about that?」(Kohaku Speaking)

Downstairs, Kohaku and Shirokiyami were having a conversation with each other.

Taiyou confirmed his own status window, and just like Shirokiyami mentioned, the moment the three sisters regained their sanity "Idol" reactivated itself and he regained the 25 % bonus of having two brides.

And most likely Kohaku also confirmed this fact at the same exact time and she proudly spoke.

「Didn't I tell you before jya? our husband becomes stronger when he is loved by us. When the three sisters who were on the verge of death reobtains their vitality, it is obvious that he would become stronger—In other words, you girls were like broken wings nanojya」

「…… ? 」

Hearing Kohaku's words Shirokiyami looked puzzled as she tilted her head.

She was the type of girl that didn't understand those type of jokes.

「But…..if that's the case, then」

After saying in a small voice, she nodded in affirmation.

「Do you understand it?」

Taiyou went down the stairs slowly, while still embracing the three sisters in his arms.

「I have no choice…..but to do it」(Shirokiyami Speaking)

「You need to do what?」(Taiyou Speaking)

「Even you said it yourself…..your power….is physically…. weird」

「Ahh, I did say that didn't I? 」(Taiyou Speaking)

Nodding, he remembered the conversation he had with her when he met her before. He certainly did say something along those lines.

「Human strength is decided by muscle strength….and spirit……is what I was taught. Sometimes, there is also magical power. But, in your case, you aren't different….. from normal boys. But, in actuality, you are more…..no, extremely, strong」

「…….」

Taiyou decided to maintain a serious face, no a concrete poker face. Muscle strength and spirit, in other words, the laws of physics. It is a very natural thing that human strength is supposed to be decided on only those factors.

However, unlike that, Taiyou's strength called "Level Up" deviates from normal laws of physics. The three sisters and Kohaku, who were apart of his family of harem, knew this,

but he didn't really want to confide to Shirokiyami who hasn't become a part of his harem…..he at least wanted to keep this a secret from her.

That is why he had a poker face. Whether or not Shirokiyami notices or not, she gave out her own speculation, speaking out once again.

「I can only guess that…. you have become stronger with a type of power that I don't know about」 (Shirokiyami)

「I see, Although you are expert in combat, you have quite the old fashioned way of thinking jyana?」(Kohaku Speaking)

「Is it really….the power of love?」(Shirokiyami)

「……Yeah」(Taiyou)

Taiyou nodded without hesistation. Strictly speaking about the power of love…."Idol" is not the main way that he increases his power. In any case he wanted to hide the truth….. Taiyou had become a man when he 'connected' with the girls last night and he had already decided the path he was going to take from now on.

「Is that so……」(Shirokiyami)

「Don't you think that it's fantastic jyaro?」

「That is……I'm not really sure」(Shirokiyami)

After saying that, Shirokiyami once again said 「I don't undersand」but this time in a murmur.

Finished with their conversation, Taiyou and Kohaku decided to take a bath together. In the design of this certain apartment building, the communal bathroom that is used is on the first floor, connecting to the living room terrace.

There, Taiyou and Shirokiyami entered. By the way, the three sisters were on the opposite side of the building in the gallery (an old-fashioned way to say kitchen), preparing a meal.

Back in the bathroom, Kohaku was washing Taiyou's … back.

The both of them were wearing their birthday suits. Taiyou sat on the wooden bath seat, and Kohaku, kneeling, was scrubbing his back. (TL: Birthday suit = completely naked like a baby)

Taiyou was slouching forwards as Kohaku began to daringly scrub his back and various other places.

「I would be happy if you were a little calmer」 (Kohaku)

「Calmer?」 (Taiyou)

「That's right jya, you are the master of our harem, it's an obvious thing for us to provide this kind of service for you, you don't have to be so awkward and you should keep your chest held high jya. Even now, whenever I work for you, don't you still find it difficult to accept jyaro?」

「That is……well」

「Stop saying that and be more confident…..Even if you behaved a little more arrogantly, that would still be better jya」

「That's……」

"That's probably impossible" Taiyou wanted to say.

He understood what Kohaku wanted to tell him, after all as the husband who ruled over the household, he needed to conduct himself appropriately to live up to the role.

However, right now, he doesn't feel like he would be able to act in this way. This is because, he truly thought that making Kohaku work for him was a bad thing for him to do, moreover he couldn't really keep composed especially when he saw her naked body right in front of him, his heart would start beating so fast and he felt like he was going to go crazy.

「Well, the vibe and style you exude right now is not that bad」

「Style, huh?」

Taiyou forced a bitter laugh. Kohaku filled the bucket with water and washed away the bubbles on Taiyou's back.

「Umu, it's all done jya」

「……Then, next is your turn」

Although he can't behave completely composed, at least to have the proper skinship…… he could still offer to wash her back for her as well. Taiyou turned his head around to look towards Kohaku.

At that precise moment, an unbelievable sight appeared before him…..a figure that shouldn't be standing there was right in front of him.

White skin and long white hair. Without wearing her usual black clothes, this girl standing in front of him was thoroughly white. Shirokiyami was standing naked right in front of the bath's entrance.

「Wha……at, at, at, at」

Taiyou became flushed at her arrival while Kohaku admired her body.

「What are you doing! Why did you suddenly enter?」

「Those three…..they said, to enter the bath until dinner is ready」(Shirokiyami)

「Uoi!」

「Was it, bad, to enter?」

「If you used common sense, of course it's bad!」

「…..Is that advise coming from you as……this household's master ?」 (Shirokiyami Speaking)

「If only that were the case, then I would be happy」(Kohaku speaking)

「That's not the point at all!」 (Taiyou Speaking)

Taiyou retorted to both of them at the same time.

「Thinking sensibly, of course it's bad to appear naked before a guy that has no such relation with you whatsoever!」

「Umu, it's because men are like beasts. If a pure white rabbit like you isn't careful, you might get completely eaten with a single gulp」

Kohaku chuckled.

「If that's what you are worried about…..it's fine」 (Shirokiyami Speaking)

Shirokiyami talked in a composed manner, and put her foot into the bathroom. She moved forward one step while Taiyou stepped back as if he was being pushed.

「W-what is, fine?」

「As weak as you are right now…..I can easily cut it off」

「What are you going to cut!?」

Thinking of her disturbing words, Taiyou's voice changed to a falsetto.

「Umu, within a 0.1 seconds of closing your eyelids, a tragedy could happen jya」 (Kohaku Speaking)

「I don't even, need .01 seconds」 (Shirokiyami)

「Don't encourage her insanity!」

Taiyou retorted, but Shirokiyami, who was tired with this conversation, briskly faced in the direction of faucet and turned the nozzle to the red direction to turn on the hot water. And then, she put the wooden bucket which was filled with hot water over her head, and just like that she went towards the direction of the bathtub.

「Wait a second, are you going to enter just like that?」 (Taiyou Speaking)

「…….? That's, right, something wrong?」 (Shirokiyami)

「No, you need to wash yourself properly!」 (Taiyou Speaking) (TL: Japanese people have a culture of thoroughly cleansing their bodies before entering the hot tub)

「I did wash myself」 (Shiroki)

「Don't let her enter before washing her properly. Kohaku-san」 (Taiyou Speaking)

「Umu, Leave it to me. Indeed, if a girl of a marriageable age like her is taking a hurried bath, it won't do nojya」

Taiyou relied on Kohaku to take care of Shirokiyami and as naturally and quickly as possible he got dressed and left the bathroom, there was no way he could stay in there any longer.

if you want to know why, then it's because —.

Seeing Kohaku's delicate naked body right in front of him, made Taiyou…..have a grand reaction down below.

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「2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29……」

Taiyou was composedly counting prime numbers. Considering the source of his knowledge the extent of the effect is uncertain, but he is sure that it has some effect to himself because he'd tested it before and knew the results.

By the way, another example of a way to calm it down is to imagine about middle-aged men who are making love with each other, doing "that" will indeed be a miracle drug but it is also a double-edged sword that will deal a great amount of damage to your mind, so unless in extreme circumstances it is a forbidden move that is prohibited. (TR: he's trying to calm down his genitals)

Meanwhile, by the time he'd counted up to around four digit numbers he'd considerably calmed it down, but.

「But really, your body is really amazing huh. If there's any secrets please teach me jya」

「It's maidens body, therefore. It is the best for fight, ing」

「Fumu」

「Your body figure, changed. To a woman's……bo, dy」

「I see, you are even able to see through this. Umu, husband made me a woman jya」 (TR: Kohaku is an eternally little, which is literally having a little body forever)

「Those three, too」

「An expert's eyes is not for decoration, huh」

The two's conversation that can be heard through the door made his tear-dropping effort for nothing. Taiyou raised a strange voice 「Uga━」, sloppily wearing his clothes he jumped out of the bathroom.

「Huh? Taiyou-san what happened」

As he jumped out he ran across to Kazane. She was holding Taiyou's clothes in her hands, it looks like that she was on her way to bring his change of clothes. Of the triplet sisters, she is the most petite girl. Her body wasn't that different to the body figure of Kohaku who is an eternally little.

Shirokiyami's words flashed in his mind. Taiyou instinctively, stared intently at Kazane's body.

Even like this——her body could now be considered as a grown woman. (TR: It is said in Japan that girls turn to a woman after losing virginity)

「Umm……what is it?」

「Uu」(Taiyou groaning)

Kazane tilted her head.

It's a lovely gesture, but Shirokiyami's words (woman's body) got stuck on his mind.

Taiyou got more and more, felt that the reaction has become stronger. (TR: his son's reaction)

「No, it's nothing. is that my change of clothes?」

「Ah, yes, I was about to bring it」

「Thanks, I'll change in the room, so I'll take that」

Taiyou took the clothes from Kazane, and walk towards his room. The more he is cornered is the more his thoughts become clear and calmer, that is the special quirk of the boy called Taiyou.

He thought calmly, what he should do to calm this surge (arousal) that he couldn't help, that is immediate, but also is not going to be noticed by the women in this house.

He goes to his room and closes the door without turning back. He did not lock it, that wasn't necessary. He stood straight in his place and closed his eyes. And imagined, naked middle-aged men that were making love to each other.

「Bhleeeeeegh」(Taiyou vomiting)

Taiyou, in exchange to great amounts of damage in his spirit, chose the way to protect his dignity and sanctity.

Taiyou is laying on his side on the living room terrace's sofa, exhausted like cripple. The forbidden move's side effects to the mind can't be measured, but in experience, the move's effect should last throughout the day so it was worth doing it, he thought.

If you say that it's just the meaningless pride of high school boys, then you are right. If this was a man who is around his thirties, that man could make a tent out of his crotch in public a joke because of the man's nerves that was learned through experience, but he still had yet to reach such frontiers.

For better or worse, he was pure at heart just like those of his age, the result was this.

「Taiyou-san, are you free right now」

Together with that voice, this time Suzune showed up.

She squatted sideways, looked up Taiyou's face from below.

「Huh? Are you okay Taiyou-san, you seem to look like you're exhausted」

「I'm fine, rather than that, do you need something?」

「Ah, Yes. There's something I need you to look at」

「Something to look at?」

'I wonder what it is', Taiyou said and tilted his head.

「Yes, please turn around」

Straightening out his posture on the couch, 'Hmm?' He said and turned around.

And then, reacting in a different meaning than that of little while ago.

What was there was white, a more magnificent white than pure white. White skin and white long hair, overlapped white one-piece dress on the top, and worn over that is a white cardigan decorated with lace frills. It's harmonious look, made one think that it was done on purpose, but.

「How beautiful……」

Her appearance was, so beautiful that Taiyou can't help but to whisper those words.

「I knew it right. The image I was going for rabbit-chan from Snow Country」

「Hello, I am a Snow rabbit……de, su. If I get lonely I eat……my ba, bies」(TR: yukiusagi=snow rabbit)

「You're going to eat them? Wasn't it that when rabbits get lonely they die」

「But, rabbits eats their babies too」(That's true, fmi search in google)

「I know, when I was a kid I was keeper of the animal shed so I know!」

Taking advantage that Shirokiyami made a boke, Taiyou looked away will he tsukkomis. (boke=playing stupid as joke, tsukkomi=returning/reacting to jokes)

The forbidden move he used earlier was still effective so his body doesn't react, but as a result his heart pounded so fast it reached its dangerous zone all at once.

「Just as I thought, Shiro-chan compared to black clothes, white clothing suites you much better」(Suzune speaking)

「Really?」

「Of course! Taiyou-san think's so too right」

「……W,Well」

Taiyou replies stutteringly, that answer was the best he could give. Shirokiyami was just so cute that he was unable to look at her directly. "This is bad, need to do something", these were his thoughts right now.

「Well, I guess I'll go back where Koto-chan and Kaze-chan is. Shiro-chan should take your time here with Taiyou-san」

Taiyou reached out his hand, and tried to stop Suzune from going. But he doesn't reach in time, and Suzune turned around without hesitating and disappeared back to the kitchen. Taiyou and Shirokiyami was left behind, an awkward air flows between the two, Taiyou couldn't do anything but look away from her.

「As I thought……」

「Huh?」

「It doesn't look…. nice?」

「I,It's not like that」

「But you're making a weird face. weirder than, when I'm wearing black」

「That is……」

「……As I thought, I'm going to, change」

She said and tries to stand up, but Taiyou in a breath, grabbed her hand and stopped her.

「Wait……it looks good on you」

「Eh?」

Shirokiyami doubted the words that Taiyou spoke.

「It looks really good on you, compared to black, I'm sure you look better this way」

「But, I, if it isn't black……the colors, are insu, fficient」

「……Is that why you wear black?」

「Yes」

Shirokiyami silently nodded. The signs of her leaving disappeared, Taiyou slowly let go of her hand. A girl that looks fragile, and have an ephemeral atmosphere, but on the other hand she was also a master artist who is told to be the world's strongest.

He thought that it was the first time he saw the side of her that looks quite human. A complex.

If you think about it, it was a natural thing, she had a complex with her appearance. That's why she preferred to wear black laced dress.

His feelings, advances further. It's not like he was aroused with a naked body, or his heart pounded because of the dress she was wearing. This was the first time he was able to touch her human-like side, Taiyou felt like he was looking at a celestial maiden that landed in the human world.

In other words, in love. That's right, Taiyou fell in love with her.

「What's, wrong?」

While making sure of how he felt staring at her, the side being stared at felt suspicious.

From that gesture his breathe finally became shallower, thinking his throat has dried up.

This feeling for the first time, this thing that was about to start.

Because of that Taiyou became nervous, at the same time became composed.

「Can you be, my wife?」

After a deep breath, he looked towards Shirokiyami, looking at her straight in the eye, he confessed to her. There was no hesitation in his voice what so ever.

「……Are you serious?」

「I'm serious」

「What……about, them?」(The other girls)

「We are a harem, so it's alright」

「I'll enter, the harem too?」

「If it's possible」

「……I see」

Shirokiyami nodded. She stared at Taiyou, her red eyes seemed like they can see the depths of his heart. Taiyou had his chest held high, his feelings were for real. Eventually, Shirokiyami shook her head.

「It's no good, for now」

「For now?」

「If you're not stronger than me, no way」

「So I just need to be stronger then?」

「If you beat me then, fine」

「I got it」

Taiyou immediately answered. The conditions Shirokiyami gave was simple and clear.

Although, it lacked sex appeal this was a trifling matter.

「I'll become strong, and defeat you」

Taiyou made the decision, he looked straight at her and declared.

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Chapter 60: Aoba’s Secret

「Please excuse me」

After bowing deeply, Taiyou closed that faculty office’s door. He looked up and raised his head, looking up ceiling and took sighed together the damage he took mentally.

「Taiyou-san」

Suddenly, a worried voice was heard from the side. When he looked around, the triplets’ eldest sister Kotone was there. She looked at him with troubled eyebrows. Because she looked so cute, Taiyou quickly confirms the surroundings, pushed her towards the wall, put a hand on the wall then kissed her lips.

「Ta,Ta,Ta,Taiyou-san??」

「My bad, you looked so cute so spontaneously」

「Cu――what are saying Taiyou-san~, I’m being worried here, and you tell me that I looked c-cute…」

Remembering what was just said moments ago and what just happened, Kotone puffed up and blushes, she covers her lips with a lightly clenched fist.

Getting pushed to the wall with no resistance also looked cute, probably quite cuter than her worried face. But, if he rides the flow of nature, what would happen would at least be attached by an R-rating mark, so Taiyou kept himself from doing anything. After a while Kotone came back to herself and cleared her throat, blushingly asked.

「Taiyou-san, was it alright」

「Yeah, I was only scolded by the teacher a little. After all, considering that I skipped school for a couple of days, it’s only natural. Other than that, I was addressed strongly about my phone not connecting, not being able to be contacted at all is not a good thing they said」

In this particular school, cell phones or smart phones are not prohibited, rather, it was something they recommended you to use. Not to mention that within the students, either it will be professors or students, having a direct line without the passing through parents they think of it as a convenience.

Taiyou rested from school for a few days while he solved the triplet’s problem, so he forgot to repair the smart phone that was broken a little while ago. Those things happened at the same time, so when he finally attended school since the last few days he was thoroughly scolded by his homeroom teacher.

「But, you girls weren’t mentioned at all, why was that? you rested school just as much with me」

「We were going to cooperate with Daddy’s experiment, so we told the school that we’re going to be absent from school for a little while」

「I see」

Remembering the girls’ dad, Taiyou was convinced. Whatever the reason is, when parents are the one who request leave for their kids, the teachers generally won’t ask too many questions or decline their leave of absence. Although he still couldn’t forgive the father for what he tried to do, Taiyou was thankful for the result. After their conversation was finished, Taiyou and Kotone walked toward the classroom. Suddenly, Kotone was startled.

「Ah!, Suzu-chan and Kaze-chan are jealous」

「Huh? Ahh, the thing I did to you earlier was conveyed huh」

「Yes, by Taiyou-san……being done something like that I was so happy, so it was noticed by the two, and they’re conveying that they feel very jealous to me」

「Is that so, if that’s the case I should also do it to the other two later then」

「Thank you very much!」

Kotone thanked him with a wholehearted smile. Rather than being jealous, declaring he would drive the other two sisters to the wall and kiss them, she was actually saying thanks with all her heart. That girls’ relationship seemed rather interesting, and for Taiyou right now, their relationship was a good thing. If this weren’t the triplets that confessing he wondered what would’ve happened, his interests sprung up.

「Kya!」

Because he was a little preoccupied with his thoughts, he couldn’t avoid the girl that jumped out of the corner completely. The girl collides with him, and as if she ran up against a wall, she bounced off his body.

If it continues like this, she was going to land on her hips, so Taiyou grabbed her hand instinctively.

「Are you okay……Ah!」

「Thank you very much……Ah!」

As the two confirmed each other’s’ appearance they both raised a voice. He collided to somebody he met before in the rooftop, her trade mark look was a long straight ponytail, it was Miyabi Aoba.

The sorry face she was making after colliding disappeared in an instant and was replaced with an expression of pure hostility against Taiyou.

「Natsuno Taiyou……」

It also emerges in her words. She irritatingly groans Taiyou’s full name, and snorted before leaving.

「You’re being despised huh」

「Yeah」

Taiyou smiles wryly, and Kotone wrinkled her eyebrows. The both of them have a relation with Aoba, but he truly didn't understand why she hated him so much.

Lunchtime, Taiyou was walking the corridor alone. The three sisters went to the rooftop earlier, and prepares for lunch. Taiyou wanted to go together, but the girls told him that they want him to come when everything's ready, so he complied.

Leaving the classroom five minutes later, he slowly walked to the destination. He went up to the fourth floor where the third-year student's classroom would be, and just before going up to the roof top he saw a commotion happening in the corridor ahead.

Surrounded by onlookers, the commotion develops considerably. Taiyou found a familiar face in the onlookers. Approached him and called.

「Nakashima, what going on in here」

「Oh if isn't it Natsuno, it's just that, there were rumors a couple was having an affair, it's that kind of story, and then the messenger of justice appeared, so they started to have a dispute」

「I see… I don't really get it though」

In short, it was about entanglements of love or something, but the ally of justice somehow appeared at that time, this is the extent of what Taiyou understood. Nothing's going to happen listening to Katsuki's explanation, so he went towards the center of the commotion.

There were three people there. One man and two women. The man has gold hair and pierced ears, wearing his uniform sloppily he looked like he's wearing a beginner's outlaw look. One of the girls were decently cute, but she influenced by the man, she had a flashy getup and was wearing make-up. And the last one—

「Miyagi Aoba」

「Yeah, it's Aoba-chan」

Katsuki responded to Taiyou's whisper. As sociable as Katsuki is, just like with Kotone and the girls, he calls Aoba with a -chan.

「What? Say that thing one more time!!」

「I said that having an affair is the lowest」

「That's none of your business, ain't it?」

「It's not about being my business or not, it's the worst thing to do, so I told you it's the lowest」

Hearing the conversation and combining it with Katsuki's explanation, he somehow understood the situation. He doesn't really understand why she is so meddlesome in these types of matters, but at least he understood that she really hates the thing called "affairs".

If he thought about it, after being confessed by Kotone and girls, she was also imposing, even going as far as asking who Taiyou liked the best.

「Even so, you shouldn't flare up at someone like that」

「Yes? Did you say anything Natsuno」

「Nope」

Taiyou shook his head. Unintentionally he muttered out the words words, but it's something that Katsuki shouldn't be told. He tried watch the development of the events as it is, but suddenly, the situation changed rapidly.

「Don't joke around with me!!」

The gold-haired-piercing boy gets in enraged, pushing Aoba's chest away. The power that comes from physical difference made Aoba stagger, tipping her balance, she flew backwards. The momentum doesn't decline as she were pushed back against the wall, and with the "open window" at her back……she fell towards outside.

Aoba shortly reacted a second late and reached out her hand to grab the window frame……and grasped air. Just like that, her body disappeared beyond the window, pulled by gravity she fell.

Falling from the fourth floor was deadly. Taiyou who was there, "imagined" a scene like that.

「Aoba-chan!!」

From the Katsuki's side, Taiyou kicked the ground and ran, and chased after Aoba who started to fall, and jumped out the window without hesitation. Lastly, he kicked the wall to accelerate, caught up to Aoba although having a late start, he held and squeezed her body tight. After doing that, he quickly verifies the surroundings for any place to hold on to.

「Hn!!」

With sheer will power he reached out his hand, and grabbed the school outer wall. It was literally a small crack in the wall. The moment his finger clutched it, he used his full strength. He heard the sound of his muscles stretching and churning, but the falling momentum had stopped. With a mere four fingers' strength, he stopped the fall of two people completely. When he noticed it was only two floors left before the ground, it was barely the height from hitting the ground completely.

「Fuu……」

Taiyou let out a deep sigh. At worst he was resolute on covering her and falling first, but somehow he found somewhere to grab so he felt relieved. While dangling like a monkey with one hand, Taiyou dexterously fixed Aoba's position in his other hand. And while jumping off, he put his arms around her back and the back of her knees to make sure of her safety while landing

In that position, with a bam they landed. The back of his legs numbed but did not mind. Hugged with a princess carry, Aoba had no injuries at all. cheers were heard from above. When he looked, many students leaned out the window, an applause was sent to the (Knight) Taiyou who saved the (Princess) Aoba.

「Daddy, Mommy」

Speaking about the Princess, she was shaking in his arms, making her body small, trembling, and calls out to her parents. That appearance of hers was so cute, if only she

were normally this loveable, Taiyou thought. The next instance, Taiyou doubted his ears.

「Mama……Mother……」

「Hm?」

「Ah!……」

Aoba was startled and came back to herself, pushed Taiyou away, stood up, blushes and ran away.

「Daddy, Mommy……Mama and Mother?」

Taiyou was left behind standing dumbfounded in that spot, he had an expression as if he had just been bewitched by a fox.

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Chapter 61: Aoyama Akiha

Taiyou watched Aoba's back and she was quickly leaving as if she was running away from him, there was no sign of her usual strong attitude.

Right before she left, she spoke of four different names. Daddy, Mommy, Mama, and Mother.

Besides the fact that a high-school student calls her parents when she is frightened and regardless if that was a good thing or bad thing. Rather than that, the problem is that the number of people she called was four. Taiyou was confused as to the meaning behind this and he was in deep thought.

「There's no way, right?」

What came to his mind was something, even he thought was ridiculous, there's no way for it to be like that he laughed.

「You're good, is that the way you make girls fall for you one after another?」

He was called from behind suddenly, Taiyou turned around swiftly. When he turned around, there was no one looking towards him from the school building. Therefore, he looked around his surroundings one more time and that's when he heard the voice again.

He heard it from above. Diagonally, from the second floor's window. Sitting on the window frame that was grandly opened, was one girl crossing her legs.

A slender physique that can be seen even above her school uniform, and an abundant chest that strongly appeals its presence. The black over-knee socks and a pleated skirt, she had a stunning golden-ratio.

Her glossy chest nut-colored hair flutters, she was rocking her body a little so it looks dangerous from here, but the smile that she was wearing was so bright you wouldn't think she was in danger.

「Make them fall for me?」

Taiyou was trying to hide that fact she totally captivated him with her looks, pretended to be cool as he returned the question.

「Yeah, you're that person aren't you? The harem person. The guy that goes out with『Staircase Girl's』」

「……Yeah, That's right」

To her words, Taiyou nodded slightly. Staircase Girl's was referring to the nick names of the three sisters, and this is what people called them behind their backs. The girls were triplets and although their faces looked the same just like a sliced Kintaro-ame candy, but somehow their height was on three-level difference, they were called inside the school with different kinds of names. (PR: Kinato-ame is a traditional candy with a cylinder shape that has boy's face in it)

Names like SML, like Victory Stand, like Traffic Lights. And just like the girl in front of him, names like staircases and a lot more. The girls themselves, doesn't mind although they know that they were being called such things, but he now started to think twice if that was fine as it is.

「Ah!……」

Suddenly, Taiyou noticed something and looked away.

「What's the problem? You got mad because your harem got insulted?」

「No, it's just that. Uhm……your……I could see inside your skirt」

He assumed that an awkward situation would arise from this, but opposite to that, rather than minding it she laughed pleasantly.

「I'm sorry 'bout that, showing something weird. But don't worry, it's leggings not panties inside, so there's no problem. Ah!, are you the type that like those? That's why you looked away huh」

「What, no no」

To the girl's confession he almost imagined the insides of her skirt, but shook his head hurriedly and chased that thought from his head. That kind of "thing" should be disciplined, to avoid a blunder in public, there was the risk that he might have to use the forbidden move. (TR: view previous chapters)

「Oh. panicking with things like this, you're quite innocent even though you have a harem, aren't you」

「No, I don't think I'm that innocent but…」

「Ahaha, don't be shy don't be shy」

She laughed pleasantly, but Taiyou thought that it's really not like that. Rather, it was the opposite. The three sisters and Kohaku, because he tasted the girls beyond the "line", he started reacting to "things like that" recently.

That's why he's not as pure hearted like she said, on the contrary he was in heat. But because she liked Taiyou's reaction that much, after laughing for a while, she introduced herself to Taiyou with a positive tone.

「I'm Aoyama Akiha. Written as autumn breeze you read it as Akiha, it's a flashy name but it's just that my Pops is a Kanji maniac so don't mind those things」(TR: 秋(aki) の 波(ha)=Autumn Breeze, in Japan names that use difficult letters or weird naming sense are called KiraKira(flashy) names, it's like Kanye West naming his son Easton West that kind of flashy)

「Y,Yeah. I'm Natsuno Taiyou. Nice to meet you」

「Summer's sun huh, I'm the autumn's breeze so we're the same huh」(TR: Taiyou's name is written as「夏(natsu=summer)」「の(no)」「太陽(taiyou=sun」)

「Yeah, you're right I guess」

「Hey, by the way, are you free right now?」

「What?」

「If you’re free, hang out with me」

She said, without waiting for a reply went through the window panels, placing her foot to the school building’s ledge, like she became spider-man, she walked like it was flat ground.

「Wa,Wait a minute」

Taiyou panics, and went after her while looking up from the first floor. Her fluttering skirt teased the contents of what was inside of it, in any case she was walking along the outside wall and he could not leave her in such a precarious situation.

Akiha turned to the outer side of the school building, going to the wall side that has no windows. 「Here I come!」 she said, and this time she changes directions and climbed upwards.

「Are you a rock climber……」

To her movement, Taiyou’s eyes popped. If you look carefully, she used the ledges skillfully, like Taiyou whispered, as if a rock climber, or something like bouldering, she climbs up the outer wall.

There wasn’t a strange phenomenon……there was nothing strange happening like that of Taiyou or Shirokiyami, but without using safety lines, and doing that feat with ease, it was a skill that was enough to pop Taiyou’s eyes because it was the first time that he’d seen something like that.

She reached fourth floor, which means she climbed up to the school building’s top floor, sat on a ledge there, and called.

「Look, you should come too. You can do it right」

To Akiha’s invitation, Taiyou thought for a while, and conceded. She seemed like she was used to it so there wasn’t any problem, but in any chance that something happens. To prepare for the time that “something” happens, it’s better if he was next to her side he thought.

That, he decided, but he had no wall-climbing skills to speak of. So, he started to climb the water pipe with brute force like climbing a monkey bar, then slowly went towards where Akiha is, and took a seat beside her.

As soon as he sat, wind blew. Taiyou who was not yet used to it, wobbled for an instant, and panicked.

「Ahaha, feels good right. I, like this kind of wind」

「Don’t you mean, the wind here」

「The wind here is good too, but I like winds on high places. Maybe it’s because I’m stupid」 (TR: there’s a saying in Japan 馬鹿と煙は高いとこのぼる which literally means stupid people and smoke rises to high places, smart people doesn’t climb to high places cause it’s dangerous so those who do are stupid, smoke doesn’t need to be explained)

「Drunk people say they’re not drunk though」

「Yes? What does that mean」

「No, It’s nothing」

Taiyou answered in phrases, as if he was talking to Sakura or Kohaku, but Akiha did not understand what he meant. He wondered what type of person she was. What came to mind was that she was the exact opposite of the uptight Yurikago.

「Why are you saying that it means nothing? That saying must have some kind meaning right. If you said it once, explain it until the end properly」

「No, explaining the story is—」(TR: explaining a story/joke that wasn’t get is torture,)

「T~e~a~c~h~m~e~」

When Taiyou was reluctant to explain, Akiha shook her body like a spoiled child. Considering that she was at least 20 meters off the ground, swaying her body like that made Taiyou flinch….

「I got it, I got it so stop shaking」

「Then, teach me」

「Fuu……You’re scary you know. I understand, so put away that hand!! It’s not a special story, it’s just like drunk people saying that they’re not drunk, a real stupid person doesn’t call themselves stupid, I just meant that」

「What, You were praising me. Well! Thanks」

Akiha made a wholehearted, dazzling smile. Taiyou was forced on explaining a story that wasn’t get, one of the three most embarrassing thing in this world, but seeing her smile, he thought that it was worth it.

But, there was a side effect. These days, Taiyou’s lower half was prone to ‘excitement’—and he felt like his groins were going to engorge with blood.

That was how bad the situation was for him right now, in order to stop that, Taiyou shook his body left and right.

「What are you doing?」

「I’m trying to shrink it」

「What?」

「……My internal organs」(PR: Internal organ/intestine, a lie of course.)

To Akiha who was doubtful, Taiyou replied a lie that is in some way the truth. After shaking like that for a few times, a feeling that his feet cringes went up, with that, the sensation that he felt in his groin subsided as well.

「Hey, rather than that, can I ask you something?」

「Sure, I mean I wouldn’t come here if it wasn’t alright」

「I see, well that’s true. Then I’ll ask you without reserve, why did you make something like a harem?」

「You really not holding back huh」

Taiyou thought for a second, and answered.

「Because of certain developments, I guess」

「Eh? It was because of certain events? 」

「Yeah, it was out of certain circumstances」

「So it wasn't because you liked or fell in love with each other?」

「Right now, there is a dam full of….. Well let's just say that right now, my relationship with them does have love and affection」

He might be asked to explain again if he continued with his dam analogy, so Taiyou changed his words.

「At the present time? Then in the beginning you got together even though, you didn't particularly like each other? 」

「Well, that's how it was」

Taiyou nodded. Although it did not start with love and was more like an arranged marriage type of setting, he didn't think that this was a bad thing, that's because—.

「Even if it's not like that from the start though, after being in love, I just need to love them for the rest of my life, right?」

「Hmm, no, I get that but. I guess that's fine but……well」

「What, do you have any problem?」

「No, I don't have any problems with you, but I do have a problem」

「What is the problem?」

「Well it's not my problem to be exact……But, A friend of mine, has that kind of household……She was born from a family that has a harem and she's really troubled. That's why I'm asking you a lot of things, I want to be of help to her and possible find some points for reference」

Akiha said, it's the first time she made a troubled face since he met her, she continued.

「It's about Aoba, she's the girl that you saved a little earlier」

Once again, the wind blows through the two people.

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Chapter 62: Surprise!

「I feel like Aoba-san and your stories a little bit different from each other so it may not be that useful as reference though」

「Wait, by Aoba, do you mean Miyagi-san?」

「Yeah」

With a facial expression that is between bitter and happy, Akiha answered.

「Miyagi-san's house is the same as mine…… Then, the mother she called "Mama" is…..?」

「"Mama" is Atsuko-san, mother is Miho-san, and in case you are wondering, her 'Mommy' is Nazuna-san」

When Akika gave that immediate response, Taiyou finally had a surprised face. Knowing that somehow listening to Aoba's mutterings is possibly the correct thing to do, that is surprising.

「Then, this Nazuna-san is her real mother?」

Three women, each called with various different names.

If the father is "Dad", then Taiyou guessed that it would have been obvious for the real mother to be "Mom". In order to confirm his guess, he tried to throw out his question to her, but she made an even stranger face.

「Well, that's not entirely correct」

「Then is her birth mother Atsuko-san? Or is it Miho-san?」

「That is……」

After Aoba thought for a bit, her facial expression returned to the cheerful face that resembled the one when he first met her.

「I can't say myself. She is a friend, but it is a matter of another person's family circumstances. It's probably reasonable to hear it from the actual person.」

「I see, it's like that」

With a slight nod, Taiyou was satisfied what Akiha said.

「With that being said」

「Eh?」

「I want to hear more about your side of the story」

Akiha winked and asked while being flirty. Just like how Akiha's name represents her body, that figure was plenty cute, even though it did surprise Taiyou.

「The actual person?」

「Yup, the story about y~o~u~r harem. Let me hear more about it」

「I thought it wasn't enough to be a reference?」

「Yes, because it isn't a good-reference-story, now it's just pure curiosity」

「Curiosity!」

「Even though I look this way, I am actually quite tight-lipped」

「A person who is really strict can't call themselves strict」

「Ah, you said that before Then, even though I look this way, I am actually quite tight-lipped」

「Conversely saying again is not the issue!? Anyways, you have already showed enough about that」

「Ah, mean~ie」

As Akiha was saying that, she giggled.

「Isn't it fine~, teach me~」

「Wa, wait a moment, don't shake me, it's dangerous!」

Taiyou was being shaken by Akiha. The thing hanging between his legs was once again in a crisis! and he froze in place.

「It's alright, even if you fall you won't necessarily die」

「I don't need that kind of magical expression!」(Note: What Taiyou is saying is like "Don't jinx me")

「Heey, about various things, t~e~a~c~h, m~e」

「I got it, I got it, so please move away from me a bit」

「Eh, why?」

「……It's because each and every time you want something you are shaking my body and I can't bear it」

Taiyou said that, but of course it was just an excuse to escape. During the time she shook him, the special fragrance of a girl came off of her and entered his nose, tickling his chest. To Taiyou now (as it was mating season), this was like poison.

Therefore, he needed to have some distance.

「Well, you know, there's nothing wrong with just talking. Although I say that, what is good to talk about?」

「From when you guys met until separation」

「That kind of lion-like thing ……no, I can't separate with them」

「Ohh」

Akiha made a surprised face.

「What's wrong?」

「Right now, you spoke like a natural. Instead of saying, “I’m not going to separate” you said that you “can’t separate” 」

「Uuu」

Taiyou was at a loss for words. He returned to that phrase unintentionally, but he himself used it with that kind of implication.

「Then, it’s alright if you don’t to me about “separation”, so let me hear stuff about your first encounters 」

After Taiyou thought for a little bit, he carefully opened his mouth. Because there are numerous parts about the girls that he can’t talk about to a third party, he kept in mind not to carelessly make a slip of the tongue.

「Our encounter…..I really don’t remember, because we’re classmates, the first time was probably during our homeroom self-introductions. “Eh? There are quite the triplets here” is the extent of my impressions, I think」

「Ah, I got that too. Even though they clearly had the same face, their sizes were different, right? I wondered. It’s kind of like what people say, a real before-and-after thing where you see the steps of a girl’s growth—-just like the Seven-Five-Three Festival!」 (Note, the Seven-Five-Three Festival is traditional rite of passage when children aged 3, 5, and 7 and they go to the shrine)

Taiyou nodded, he understood that example (The Seven-Five-Three Festival).

「After a considerable long period……I would say probably around a month, though. One night, as I was going home, I met them on the roadside, and there, I was confessed.」

「Confessed? From whom?」

「All of them」

Taiyou consciously replaced “three people”, and said “all of them”.

He himself thought, the relationship of the girls was that of one person, just like his ability “Idol” saw it. To the girls whose nature and heart beats synchronize, Taiyou had some kind of yearning to hug their figures.

「By “all of them”, do you mean all at once?」

「Yes」

「Wo~w」

With a nod in return, Akiha was taken aback, but at the same time, she obviously had a cheerful expression on. Looking at it, it wasn’t the kind of face you get when you become uncomfortable, but rather the complete opposite.

After getting that much information, there’s no way her intentions were to deny the fact and laugh at him. An expression conveyed to Taiyou that she had a genuine curiosity to the world that she didn’t know.

That is why Taiyou thought it was fine to tell her. Thinking such and continuing to hide as much as possible about Blood Soul and Junishima, he talked just enough about the girls

that he needed to convey his thoughts.

Hearing the story, Akiha suddenly made a face that looked like she just remembered a question.

「Then, among the three who do you like the most? Or as expected you love them all equally? 」

「I love the three of them equally」

「Ohh」

Akiha leaned back, even more amazed. Looking at that and wondering if she would fall, he became worried, but she seemed like was used to doing such things in high places, and made no signs that she lost her balance or that she would fall.

「What is it this time?」

「Considering, what happened with the girls, can I assume that there is another girl in your harem?」

「……You're very good at twisting someone's words to your advantage, aren't you?」

「Not at all. If that's really the case, then you're just too careless」

「If I'm being told such, I don't really have any words to return」

Taiyou nodded, himself also believing exactly that.

「So, was I right?」

「You won't tell other people about this?」

「I won't say, my lips are sealed. See, I didn't even talk to you about Aoba」

「Now that you mention it, that's true. Well, I'm not particularly bothered even if you were to spread rumors so… Yeah, there's another girl. Her name is Kohaku-san」

「Ohh, you used -san to address her, so she must be older than you?」

「Ah」

「An older woman, huh? Is it a female college student? OL? Or perhaps it's m~a~r~r~i~e~d woman? 」(Note: OL means office lady)

「You have a very filthy way of talking, do you have a special plan for saying married woman?」

「Enough about me, more importantly what is it?」

「It's none of them. Well, I would say she's more like a house maid」

Kohaku's figure came to mind. As an "Eternal Little", the 87 year-old woman is needless to say neither a female college student nor an OL. Because it was the first time Taiyou thought about concerning married women, he thought this was different.

「I see, is that all of them?」

「For the moment」

「For the moment?」

「……We can never predict human life and the future, right?」

Taiyou said that and hid the fact about his goal to create a harem of seven brides. Or about the building called “Taiyou Castle” given by Kohaku. There, he imagined the scene of living together with the seven girls.

The scene where the first wife, the three sisters, are the focus, and everyone lives together in harmony and happily.

「Ah, you’re grinning at something」

「Eh?」

「You were probably having wild delusions about something. Yup, that’s the face that says “In the future if I increase my harem more, I’m all smiles”」

「Are you an ESPer?」(Note: ESPer = someone who has supernatural powers such as telepathy and can read other people’s minds)

「You’re easier to read than you think, and you should be~ more conscious~ about that」

Saying that, Akiha stood up while laughing.

「I think it’s about time I go?」

「Yeah, you listened to a large part of my story. Also, if we’re here, it seems dangerous」

「Didn’t I tell you that you were so easy to read? Until now, you were slouching the whole time, you know~?」

「Eh?」

Taiyou was surprised and dropped his line of sight in a panic. However —-there was nothing special about it, it wasn’t like he had a bulge to signify an erection or something.

By the time that Taiyou thought that he was “tricked” by her, she was already skillfully walking along the outer wall of the school and leaving him behind. Looking at the girl who was disappearing from sight, Taiyou also stood up to return.

「「「Um, Taiyou-san」」」

The familiar voices surprised Taiyou.

Raising his face up to where he heard the voices, he saw the figures of the three girls whose gaze was fixated on him from inside the roof fence. “Now that I think about it, they were headed towards the roof earlier” Taiyou remembered.

For some reason, the girl’s eyes were moist.

「You, you girls, since when have you been there?」

「「「Since you told her that you loved us all equally!」」」

Taiyou couldn’t avoid magnificently blushing.

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Chapter 63: Not enough Speed

After darkness descended Oriyakata High School. (TL: his school was previously called Orikan, but I think I got it wrong, and it should be Oriyakata, here is the Kanji for anyone interested 織館学園)

Even all the baseball club members that stayed at school to practice until sunset had already went home, and school grounds was currently very quiet.

Inside such a school, Taiyou remained in the classroom he usually went to. The light in the room wasn't even on, and all he was doing was lowering his chair and raising his chair on to the desk.

He took the seat at the very back which looked really cheap, and he turned the seat upside down, placed it on top of the table and then he carried the desk to the side of the wall.

After lowering the desk to the side of the wall, he would carry it back to its former place and then lower the chair.

Placing the chair on top; carrying the desk.

returning the desk; putting the chair down.

He was continuing to perform these actions.

Inside of this dark room, there was two figures staring at him. Kazane was seated a little bit away from where he was, and Hera was sitting on top of Kazane's shoulder like a small figurine.

The two girls were watching Taiyou.

「Is there….A meaning to doing this?」

Kazane was asking Hera.

「No, there isn't desuyo~ Taiyou-chan's experience points won't increase unless he does pointless things like this desuyo~. But, it seems like Taiyou-chan may have been born in the wrong time period~」

「What do you mean?」

「Just a little while ago, this kind of thing was quite popular because in the past it did have meaning」

「Ah, I feel like I'm watching some kind of historical drama. In the past, everyone would carry the desk together and then clean up the room, is that right?」

「Yes~! Kazane-chan, have you ever needed to clean the school grounds?」

「Nope」

Kazane immediately replies. Ever since she was born, all the schools she attended never had a cleaning policy and she never had to clean the school grounds.

「That's why. Along with the changes in the times, a lot of things change as well desuyo~」

「Is that how it is?」

Kazane nodded her head in understanding.

She was resting her chin by placing both of her hands on top of the desk and using it as a brace while intently watching Taiyou.

She was watching Taiyou with an entranced gaze, almost as if she was watching her idol figure or something.

It was slightly different to the look one would give to the person they loved.

On this day, Taiyou told her that he would be staying behind with Hera in order to increase his level, and she readily volunteered to stay behind together. Although he did tell her that "it wasn't anything interesting to watch", she still insisted on coming, and since it wasn't really troubling if she watched him, along with the fact that he didn't mind her company, he allowed her to stay behind with him.

「Taiyou-chan, has become really cool hasn't he~?」

「Yes, he is very cool……Ever since yesterday」

「Yes desu~. In the past he was really mute whenever he went out to level up, but now I can sense that he is so full of energy desu. his face from the side looks really determined and it looks like his sweat is shining」

「Hera-chan, do you like Taiyou-san?」

「Of course desuyo?」

Hera answered in a way as if stating "why would you ask such a thing?"

「I belong only to Taiyou-chan nanodesu」

「I suppose that's true…..But, I wonder how Taiyou feels about you?」

「I also wonder ~」

The two girls were curiously watching Taiyou, but he was too immersed in his levelling up process and was working very hard.

「Phew, that was hard work」

Taiyou let down his chair and let out a breath, Kazane ran up towards him with the towel she prepared beforehand.

Taiyou took the towel and used it to wipe the sweat off his forehead.

「Taiyou-san, is it about time we return home? It seems like Kotone and Suzune are a little worried about us」

Kazane suggested the both of them return while looking at him with upturned eyes.

She was able to feel what the other two sisters were feeling with the telepathic connection their shared, and she told their feelings directly to Taiyou.

Taioyu thinks for a little while and asks Hera a question.

「Hera, my level has not increased yet?」

「It's just a little bit more desu~」

「I'm sorry, I think it will take a little longer, so I plan on going a little bit more until I level up」

「I understand. it seems that you are really motivated today aren't you?」

「Yeah, there's a little something with my status」

Taiyou answers quite ambiguously. Kazane looked like she didn't really understand what he just said, so he tried to explain it in a little more detail.

「The first time I felt how amazing levelling up can be to the human body is when…..My strength reached a value of 30. My level going up and my strength reaching 30…. When I went up to the rooftop and turned the doorknob, the knob was completely broken off」

「Oh yeah, now that you mention it, it was replaced with a new one. Is that what happened? So Taiyou-san was the one who broke it…」

Kazane nods having remembered the new knob.

The three girls went up to the rooftop during lunch break so she indeed saw it.

「By the way, the time that I helped you girls for the first time, I was already able to break and split a concrete wall in half. Therefore, I think of 30 strength as a sort of border that I crossed」

「Yes…..」

Kazane's cheeks turned vermilion and her eyes were filled with rapt attention. It seems that she was remembering the time Taiyou saved her and got a little emotional.

「Basing it on the number 30 as a borderline, can you please confirm my speed value?」

「Umm…..Ah, it's at 29」

When Taiyou asked her, Kazane panicked and quickly confirmed the value of his speed.

「That's right, if I increase it by one more value, it will reach 30. Although it's half value of my strength, because it seems that 30 is a border for me, I started to wonder what would happen when it exceeded this value……」

「I see, I understand」

Kazane nodded in comprehension.

As soon as she said this, she got up and started walking back to the seat she was sitting on moments ago, so as not to interfere with Taiyou's levelling.

「Wait」

Suddenly Taiyou grasped her hand.

「Hyaah! T-Taiyou-sa――」

「Queit」

He brought up his index finger and pressed it against her small lips. As he did this, he stared towards the entrance of the classroom door.

In the next moment, Taiyou noticed something and pushed her down towards the floor. Moreover, Taiyou pinned her with his body as he hung on top of her.

「Taiyo――」

「Shh」

She was totally caught off guard, this time he used the palm of his hand to close her mouth.

Although she resisted for a while, considering their physical difference along with Taiyou's superhuman strength, she couldn't really do much.

Taiyou also lowered his posture towards the ground, and keenly stared at the classroom entrance. A short while later, footsteps were heard. At the same time a flashlight shone into the room.

It was the janitor making his rounds.

Taiyou held his breath all the way until the footsteps of the janitor got further away.

「fuuh……」

Taiyou let out his breath feeling relieved.

The teacher was already mad at him for skipping school, if he was also found out when he stayed in school grounds until this late of a time…..He would without a doubt get an even harsher lecture and preaching from his teacher.

Moreover, he has had a variety of bad experiences with the neighbourhood policeman to the fact that he could remember the face of the policeman so he really wanted to avoid any more trouble if at all possible.

「My bad….It's alright now….」

Saying that Taiyou stood up. He finally noticed something.

Inside of this dark room, he actually pushed a girl towards the floor and held her mouth closed with the palm of his hand.

Even if he wanted to make an excuse, it was without a doubt, a crime inducing scene, especially if it was witnessed by others.

If he was truly found out by the janitor moments ago, it wasn't going to be as simple as getting a lecture from his teacher, it was probably going to be an instant red card and police would probably be involved.

「S, sorry」

Taiyou stood up rapidly and parted from Kazane.

She raised her body really slowly, and fixed the hem of her skirt with a flushing face.

That look on her face was exceedingly sexy and to the Taiyou right now, it was like poison.

「I’m sorry, I did something really strange」

「No, it’s alright. Ah, it seems that Koto-chan and Suzu-chan are both rooting for us right now」

「I don’t think they need to cheer us on!?」

「Ah rere? Taiyou-chan aren’t you going to do it desuka~?」

「I’m not going to do it outside」

「Outside?」

「Isn’t it obvious? If her naked figure was seen by others, what do you think would happen?」

「Hmm, then you would either silence their mouths or you would do SATUGAI?」(TL: I can only find SATSUGAI, not sure what SATUGAI means, it seems to be a reference to a comedic anime)

「Isn’t that both the same thing?! Or more like I don’t want it to reach that stage so that’s why I’m not doing it!」

「Ohh, is that how it is desu~?」

「——！」

When Taiyou was rebuking Hera’s words, Kazane suddenly covered her face and ran out of the classroom.

「Kazane?」

「Look, because you wouldn’t do it to her, she got angry and went home desuyo~」

「No, that logic is definitely wrong!」

When he rebuked her even more, there was a vibration in his chest area. It wasn’t the phone that he sent out for repair, but was instead the phone that Kohaku lent him temporarily.

When he took it out to make sure who was calling, the screen displayed that the person was calling from “Taiyou’s Castle”.

When he answered the call, Kohaku’s voice could be heard.

『You, what happened over there?』

「Eh, even if you were to ask me…..Nothing much happened….」

Taiyou was quite startled but he decided to hide this fact for now.

『Is that so? It’s just that Kotone and Suzune are grinning strangely』

「Grinning?」

Taiyou tilts his head to Kohaku’s words, he didn’t really know why the two girls would act like that.

For some reason or another, even Hera who was beside him was smirking.

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Chapter 64: The Third Bride/Refuge

Chapter 63: Not enough Speed

Night at the Taiyou’s Castle

Taiyou had returned from school and was alone in the living room terrace with Kohaku. While sitting facing each other, he told her what happened in school. Seated in front of him was Kohaku wearing a T-shirt printed with Peace with a Heart, a skirt with lace fabric, and a thin hoodie over top. The overall look was coordinated with light blue color as casual look, and even though the base is children’s clothes, it looked really good on her with her steady atmosphere. To Taiyou who was only used to seeing the opposite sex wearing school-uniforms, this was a very fresh look. Kohaku pulled her chin a little after listening to the end of Taiyou’s story, she grinned and glimpsed towards the three sister’s room.

「I got it now, that’s why as soon as those girls came home, they closed up in their room jya」

「By the way, are they in their room right now?」

「Umu, Kotone and Suzune already closed up at the time I called your phone. They were grinning, but when they saw I was looking, they were embarrassed jyana. Well, after being pushed down by a man who was in heat at school, anybody would feel shy」

「In heat——!」

Taiyou was at a loss for words, the way Kohaku said it was too blunt.

「No no, I’m the one who wants to go hole up in my room. I’m the one who had a blunder」

「I agree jya」

Kohaku laughed, grinning. It was a smile that had a hidden meaning.

「Well, come tomorrow and they will be back to normal jya」

「……I guess so」

Although doubtful, Taiyou agreed for now. After learning pieces of information, even if they’re acting weird it’s not to the point that he needed to worry about them. Most importantly, Kohaku said it’s alright; if that was the case, then Taiyou decided to believe her.

「By the way, your level went up jyana」

「Yeah, I became level 11」

「Fumu……」

Kohaku nodded, moves her gaze left and right, confirming Taiyou's abilities.

「Your abilities have gone up steadily jyana」

「Well that's true, but the crucial stats didn't go up」

「The crucial point?」

「Yeah, I wanted to make Speed go up, but it didn't go up in this level-up」

「Fumu, that one that is 29 jyana」

「Yeah」

Taiyou nodded, and told Kohaku what he had said to Kazane at the classroom earlier.

「I see, that's why you stayed longer today just to increase your level jyana」

「Yeah, I wanted it to be 30, but there's no helping it. The speed until now has normally gone up, though sometimes it didn't, and this was one of those times. Although, after doing these things it would probably go up in time on its own.」

「I agree jya……by the way」

Kohaku said and changed the topic. In an instant, Taiyou felt a shiver through his back. Sitting facing him, Kohaku's leaned across the table as she stared at him with slanted eyes. Her face had the allure of both childlike innocence and an adultness to it, it was surprisingly sexy and arousing……No, to Taiyou her facial expression was one that attempted to seduce him. His heart started beating so fast that it almost flew out of his throat.

「Ko,Kohaku-san……」

「At noontime you were always with the girls right jya? Then, it should be my turn now」

「Tu,turn you say, what turn……」

「Saying such tactless things, what an awful husband jya」

Kohaku whispers softly in his ear, and in an instant Taiyou's rationality that worked throughout the day blew up as a whole but……

——DingDong.

The doorbell rang with a classical sound, and the atmosphere that was developing until then was blown way.

「Mu!, Who is it at this time?」

As if she were disturbed at a good point, Kohaku's atmosphere went back to normal in an instant, and she went towards the entrance with a sulky face. Taiyou who was left behind felt somehow saved, or maybe not, he felt subtly. Being completely seduced and carried by the flow hurts a man's pride, but he also had such feelings of already being charmed by her. With those feelings riding on the balance, Taiyou eventually felt it was a shame for the interaction to be cut short. That's why this time when she comes back to his side……

he thought he would be the one who will take the initiative, but…

「Husband, can you come here?」

Kohaku's voice called out towards him from the entrance.

"What happened?" he thought, and stood up from the sofa and went towards the entrance. As soon as he got there, the unexpected surprise visitor made Taiyou's eyes pop.

「Oh, Hallo〜」

「……Good evening」

The ones who came this late were: Akiha, who had a carefree smile and Aoba, who had a weird face.

「Please enter」

The three similar sisters that has already claimed the position of a housewife in this house, Kotone, Suzune and Kazane came out of their room after hearing the commotion, and quickly prepared tea and snacks for each person on the table. Sitting with the table between them was Taiyou, Akiha and Aoba, and after bringing out tea the three sisters moved like Kohaku; standing near the wall and looking at what was going to happen.

「Thanks……Yup, it's tasty. Go on Aoba you drink too」

「……」

The tea that was brought out was very pleasing to Akiha and she recommended it to her friend that came with her. However, Aoba gripped her hands above her closed knees, and did not move as if she was enduring something. Taiyou thought that Aoba was weird, and while thinking that he looked at the three sisters. They were also wrinkling their eyebrows a little, but nodded back. The girl named Miyabi Aoba kept imposing on Taiyou every time until now, and also imposed on the three sisters, but for some reason, there was no hostility felt from her right now. Looking at the way she was until now, he can only think of this as weird. Something happened; it was natural for Taiyou to think that. He asked about what happened not to Aoba, but to Akiha instead.

「I'll get straight to the point, can you let me hear why you girls came?」

「Sure, when we met at lunch time you know, you said that you were living in a place somewhat like an apartment right?」

「Yeah, I said that. That's here」

「Yup it does look a little like an apartment doesn't it? Wait, I think a dormitory fits it better though?」

「Correct, it's been used in that manner in the past jya」

Butting in the conversation, Kohaku answered.

「You are?……Ah, you said husband earlier, maybe」

Akiha had a face that she guessed something, as if to confirm that she asks.

「It's nice to see you, I am the Azumiya Kohaku, also known as the second wife jya」

「I’m Aoyama Akiha, nice to meet you」

Akiha after introductions was like “Eh?” and looked at Taiyou as if she remembered something.

「You said in the lunchtime that she was an older woman right?」

「Yeah, I said that」

「And it is this person?」

「That’s right」

「……Can you explain?」

Akiha’s reaction was normal; If he had to explain to her about the Eternally Little at this juncture, the conversation would never end. Therefore, Taiyou forcibly changed the topic.

「Rather than that, you wanted to know if I lived in this building? Why is that?」

「Yeah, uhmm, If there is a room open for staying, do you think you could lend us a room?」

「Fumu」

Taiyou wrinkled his eyebrows, and looked Aoba at the side. Aoba and Akiha, they looked like they have no baggage at all, but with Akiha with her usual atmosphere and changed into her casual clothes, and Aoba with her school uniform coming at such a time it is clear, even without putting into words, who was the one going that intended to stay over.

「That’s right, I want you to let Aoba stay」

「I see」

Taiyou said, and looked toward Kohaku’s way.

「Why are you looking at me? I said it earlier, that I am giving you everything with this house jya. Husband should just do what he likes」

「Is that so?」

「Oh, what a splendid conversation!」

Akiha’s eyes sparkles. Literally, it felt as if she really thought that Taiyou and Kohaku’s conversation was interesting.

「……」

Kohaku said that, but Taiyou still felt that she was giving him her permission.

Because he got permission, he once again thought about Aoba.

「There’s an open room, considering that you guys are my classmates and not actual strangers, I wouldn’t mind letting you stay over」

「That’s a roundabout way of speaking」

「Well this is provided that you girls give me an explanation for the situation」

Taiyou looked straight at the two girls as he said this.

「I guess you won’t be willing to accept me without hearing the situation, right?」 (Aoba speaking)

「Mmm, I guess that’s reasonable」 (Akiha Speaking)

Akiha said that and looked at Aoba. Aoba was looking down as usual and wasn’t saying anything. Suddenly, Taiyou realized something. Her fists are tightly gripped on her lap, but something in her eyelashes was glimmering. She had the face of someone enduring something. Taiyou made eye contact with Akiha, and Akiha urged Aoba to speak.

「Aoba, if you’re not going to say it, I will tell him in your stead you know?」

Akiha asked, but Aoba didn’t answer. Because of this Akiha let out a sigh and looked towards Taiyou. Just like she declared she would, Akiha began to explain the circumstances in Aoba’s stead.

「Actually, it seems that her……Mothers are going to increase」

「……Huh?」

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The next day after school, Taiyou was riding the train with Akiha. The train was empty because it was before the rush hour, so they were able to take a seat beside each other while leaving a person's space between them. Across to the two of them, there was a young parent and child, the young child removes its shoes and climbs up the chair, and is watching what is outside the window intently. There, the train slides to a home stop, and an announcement flows inside the train car.

—-Be careful of the opening home doors.

「Mommy, what is home door??」

「It's the door that opens on the platform's side. Look, that」

「He〜, it's really a door right」

With the kid's line, Taiyou laughed a little. He do not know on what knowledge that it determines the correctness of a door, but that one line was straight to Taiyou's laugh spot.

That appearance of a child saying an innocent line was very lovely. Suddenly, he imagined that he would also someday, bring a child with him like that. But, he couldn't imagine it clearly.

「Hey〜 how was Aoba yesterday?」

Akiha who was silent all the way the train ride, suddenly asked a question. The question didn't include the main part of the sentence and so Taiyou tilted his head and asked back.

「How was, what of her?」

「If she was quiet, or cute, or unexpectedly smells good, something like that」

「…..What exactly are you talking about?」

「Eh, I heard about that time when you sneaked into a woman's bedroom in order to do a sneak attack you know?」

「I didn't do that! I would never creep into a girls bedroom whilst she was asleep!」

「You didn't? even though you have a harem and you are so lustful?」

「It's not like I am lustful, rather if you think so lowly of me, are you sure you are fine leaving your best friend in a place like that?」

「Rather than saying that it’s fine, it’s more like giving her shock therapy」

Akiha said carelessly, it was the usual carefree expression, but those eyes looked unexpectedly serious.

「That girl’s problem is such a problem you know, if you did something to her, there was a chance that she would have a break through, that’s why. If it was a different guy it’s useless. It has to be you」

「It’s not like I don’t understand what you’re saying but….」

Aoba’s situation that he heard last night. It’s true that compared to other guys Taiyou might be the key on breaking through the situation. But that will have big risk that is hidden within it. A deadly poison or a miracle drug. That was Taiyou’s position in relation to Aoba.

「But, the chances of failing is too much higher right」

「I think so, it’s a chance like betting in 00 on a roulette」

「That’s almost surely to fail!」

「That’s alright, if that happens, it would be splendid as well」

「What’s so splendid in that?!」

Taiyou continuously made a loud voice, his voice was cracking a little.

Is the girl in front of him really Aoba’s best friend? it was becoming doubtful, if Akiha was really worried about her friends wellbeing.

「But right, if you didn’t to attack her in her sleep, you haven’t heard from Aoba anything at all then」

「Yeah, after you went home she immediately closed up in her room, she also went to school quickly. That’s why, I still don’t know about anything」

「Asides from you, what about your brides?」

「You really pick at every nook and corner don’t you?….. No, they might have heard her story, But even so, I haven’t asked anything from the girls」

「I see, if that is so, I should probably explain it huh」

「Weren’t you saying you won’t tell other people’s secrets」

「The situation is different from then, after getting you involved, not saying anything will be unfair right. You are at the very least 60% involved you know?」

「What’s with those numbers? …..Well, in any case, if you are going to explain then that would help me」

「Then…..I’ll just state the most essential part」

Is there something that Akiha would think twice of saying, the usually unreserved her cleared her throat, and once again, started talking.

「The thing with Aoba is that——she didn’t know who her real birth mother is」

「Are you telling me that her birth mother died in child birth? 」

「That's not what I meant, I meant that growing up she only knew that she had three mothers and that one of them was her birth mother」

「…..Wait a second, let me organize this once」

Taiyou put a hand in his forehead, and raised forward his other hand. His head was on confusion immediately.

「Her household has an unusual family composition」

Because being they were in an open place like a train, Taiyou said, changing his words.

「And in regards to this complicated family situation, she herself doesn't know too much about it herself, am I getting this right?」

「Yup, it looks like she wasn't told on purpose. When she was a child she loved all of them equally calling them all Mommy, but recently, she was being conscious of who was the real birth mother」

「Well, I guess I can understand it. How did this all happen?」

「I don't know, but isn't it fantastical somehow?」

「What part?!」

Taiyou raised his voice, his voice after all, was cracking a little bit. Once again, he organizes the situation he heard in his head There is four adults in Aoba's house, one man, and three women that are the man's wife or mistress, that kind of construction. And being born there, although Aoba became first year at high school, she wasn't told who her birth mother is.

「Well with that, she would treat me harshly for sure huh」

Taiyou remembered the times that she was imposing on him. If she were born in such family, despising some reason like "affair"(in Aoba's criteria), would be a very natural flow.

「On top of that…..」

Taiyou said, and looked at Akiha.

「Yup, this time around, it seems like she's going to get a fourth mother, don't you think that's lovely?」

「No can you please cut it out with that it's "lovely" thing. By the way, what kind of person is the fourth mother? …..Don't tell me that it's you?」

「That would be even more lovely!」

She twinkles her eyes. The terrible part, was that her was eyes were really thinking that's nice, literally.

「Unfortunately that's wrong. That person is Aomori Chitose, 17 years old」

「Yes?」

「JK!」(TR: JK=joshikousei/highschool student slang)

The thumbs up she made was blinding…..In fact, he really feels like he's going to have a headache.

「…..You serious?」

Taiyou holds his hand over his temple. And his mind was about to flow into a place that no human mind should transverse.

「It is crude tea, but, please」

The Aoba's house they've arrived at, was something that can be called a little mansion-like building. Inside the exclusive residential area, about at least thirty meters vertically and horizontal breadth of grounds, there stands a western style house.

It was a structure that can make you feel its history. Taiyou and Akiha was guided to the building's reception room-like place, and there, a maid brought out tea. It was a little strange but she had elegant gestures and calm way of talking, that made woman feel a graceful atmosphere within her.

「Thank you, Miho-san」

Taiyou felt something somehow, with Akiha's words. And that wasn't completely unrelated…..to the two women sitting in front of him. If you include the maid they would be "three" of them though.

「Please excuse me, can I know your name?」

「I'm Atsuko, Fukushima Atsuko. Nice to meet you」

「I am called Yamagata Nazuna」

Towards Taiyou, the two women named themselves. Atsuko who was wearing a celebrity-like clothes has a high pitched voice, and compared to that, Nazuna was wearing a casual wear.

He was looking at the two, and Miho who was wearing a classic style maid clothes alternately.

Yesterday, Taiyou heard from Akiha the three woman's name. Respectively, Junko, Nazuna, and Miho. That means that the woman who was wearing maid clothes has the possibility of being Aoba's mother, he thought.

「And then, your name is? Are you only making us say our names?」

To Atsuko's question, Taiyou named himself in a hurry, because he forgot to do it.

「I'm sorry, I am called Natsuno Taiyou. I am a classmate of Miyabi-san」

「Is that so. It seems like Aoba-chan had made trouble for you, I am sorry for that」

「No, that's alright」

While saying that, Taiyou looked at Akiha. "Did you tell them?" with that kind of question in his sight.

「I didn't tell them anything」

「I am very sorry, we made the investigation on our own」

Miho who was the only one standing in the room explained.

「Because she is master's important daughter, we didn't want anything dangerous to happen to her」 (Maid Miho)

「Is that so?」

「Uhm…..So, how is, Aoba-chan?」 (Nazuna)

In a different way from Miho, Nazuna asked with a timid way of talking. This time was a worried way of asking about their daughter's condition.

「Uhmm…..」

「You can say it frankly, you must have heard something about the story right」

Atsuko said that with frank tone.

「If that's okay then…..Well, for the mean time she went school. She seems down compared to normal though」

He said that while remembering her who didn't impose at him at all today, although sleeping under the same roof.

「Is that so, I am relieved」

「But, why did she go to your place? Are you in a good relationship usually?」

「No, It's not like…..」

「Atsuko-san, Atsuko-san」

Akiha invited her while she leaned over, and whispered to Atsuko who also was leaning over.

And then, Atsuko's expression was became of that when one's having fun.

（Ah! These two are of the same type women）

Taiyou realized that in an instance. At the same time, he had a bad feeling.

「He〜, you are also doing "that" huh」 (Atsuko)

「Uh!!」 (Taiyou)

「What do you mean by "that"?」 (Nazuna)

「It means, the same with our household, Nazuna-sama」 (Miho)

To Nazuna who was the only one who doesn't seem to get it, Miho explained in a calm tone.

The situation is becoming awfully strange, Taiyou became vigilant.

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「Oh……」

「Is that so, he’s just like us? If it’s like this, don’t we have to teach him various things as his senpai in the path? Our relationship is one of deep love with each other, so I think it would be the best reference. The kids don’t seem to understand though」

「Hah, Haaa……」

Atsuko spoke quite indifferently.

There wasn’t any malice in her voice but, Taiyou felt an uncomfortable feeling.

「It is an unavoidable thing Atsuko-sama. This kind of thing happens quite often during puberty」

「Ahh, is it at that age? At this age they are very hard to please aren’t they? I can vaguely remember that period in my life as well」

「I don’t think we have a choice….. Other than waiting for time to pass to resolve it」

The three women were talking amongst each other. Looking at the three women conversing like this, his sense of uncomfortableness changed to a whole new level.

A jovial woman, a quiet woman and a polite woman.

Without a doubt the three women in front of him were very different from each other, but there was one point in common.

They gave priority to their own relationships and the child was secondary. Seeing these things, Taiyou could not help but to inquire about something he was curious about.

「Excuse me」

Making a polite remark, the three women concentrated their gazes at him and he began to ask.

「Out of you three, is Miyagi-san’s birth mother amongst you?」

「All of us considers ourselves to be her true mothers, and all of us love her. But, I don’t think that’s the question you want to ask is it?」

「You’re asking about the……. birth mother?」

「I’m sorry but, who did you hear this from?」

「Ah, it was me who told him」

Akiha raised her hands like a primary school child and came forward with a carefree

expression.

「Is that so…..?」

「There, there, Miho-san, you don't have to make such a scary face. The things that Akiha-chan has told him are things….. that Aoba-chan has given permission for her to say」

「I also think the same. Besides, I think that Akiha-chan is a sensible and clever girl」

「I am sorry, Akiha-sama」

「Ah, you don't have to worry about it」

Miho bows her head deeply and apologizes to Akiha. Miho was older than Akiha by at least a 12 year period and she was acting overly polite but Akiha already seemed to be used to it and wasn't really surprised.

「Well, to answer your question, the answer would be…… YES」

「Amongst us three, one is the birth mother」

「……」

Atsuko and Nazuna spoke, while Miho was just silently agreeing.

「Can't you just tell her which of you is the real birth mother?」

「We can't」

Although her tone of voice didn't change, the look in Atsuko's eyes and her atmosphere changed.

「Even we have our own circumstances. For someone like you…… Who is still inexperienced, there is no way you would be able to comprehend our situation. Because of this, there are things that we cannot say」

「Alright, I get it」

When Taiyou nods, Atsuko seems to have lost her momentum, and the other two were slightly surprised.

「Natsuno-kun, do you really understand?」

「Yes. I don't understand your objectives, but I do understand that in order for you to achieve those objectives, one of the things you need to do is to not tell Miyagi-san about who her birth mother is. And the fact that you are taking such an extreme measure, probably means that you have tried everything else and there is no other method. That is my conclusion」

「You are interesting, aren't you?」

「However, I do not approve」

Completely disregarding Atsuko's previous words of praise, Taiyou suddenly stood up. Just like that, he looked at the three women and gave them a defiant look.

「Doing something like that to your own daughter, is not something that I can approve……..Excuse me」

Taiyou gave them a deep bow, he left Akiha who had been standing there silent and departed.

「Taiyou-chan」

After turning the door knob, Atsuko called out to him. When he turned around, she was looking at Taiyou with a smile on her face.

「As your senpai in these types of matters, allow me to give you a little bit of advice」

「……What might it be?」

「You need power, if you want to be able to properly protect several women, then you need the strength to do so. Every single time you increase the number of women you love and need to protect, you need double the amount of power you possess, please act with that in mind」

「…..I intend to have power. If that's all, then」

Once again, this time as a formality of thanks, he bowed his head and left the Miyagi Mansion.

「Haaah…..」

Taiyou let out a deep sigh after going out of the house. He wanted to let out all the stagnant feelings he had accumulated in his chest. Before he knew it, he acted like he was picking a fight.

Like he said to Atsuko, he could understand their choice in the matter. Taiyou understood the concept of doing whatever it took to achieve an objective, and taking an extreme measure and the final measure in this case was basically the same thing to him.

From an ordinary point of view, the relations between their family was strange, and they were taking an extreme means.

「It would make more sense if they were crazy….」

Once again Taiyou sighed. When he looked at the three women their faces were very composed and they were speaking rationally. It was definitely not the eyes of some frenzied hedonist person.

In other words, they completely understood their choices but still did it anyways, and Taiyou couldn't stand for it.

He remembered the child he saw in the train.

It was a very young and innocent child talking to his mother, even for Aoba, there was a stage in her life where she enjoyed such simple conversations, this is what he heard from Akiha. But even then, Aoba was currently in a complicated domestic environment.

And the other thing was the words "senpai" that came out of Atsuko's mouth.

They were his senpai in terms of being in a harem, and soon they were planning on adding a fourth mother to the mix. This was causing friction between the relationship between Aoba and her parents.

It was at this point that Taiyou felt like he was seeing the possibility that his own future was like this. He turned to look at the Miyagi Mansion one more time before walking towards the train station.

Taiyou thought that he wanted to solve the problem that Aoba was in right now.

He would definitely help her out, in fact he wanted to shout that he would make it happen. When he went to Miyagi's house, he saw a semblance of what his future could become.

Therefore, he really wanted to be able to help Aoba.

Aoba's present condition is basically caused because her parents were doing whatever they wanted, and the one who payed for it was the child.

This was the thing that he could not permit. To Taiyou, this was one of the things he hated the most in this world.

Therefore, Taiyou wanted to become Aoba's strength, and change her current situation…….. At the very least he wanted her to stop suffering.

——No matter what happens.

Taiyou quietly swore an oath to himself.

「But in saying this, what am I supposed to do?」

While riding his train and returning to St Hanazono Town, he couldn't think of any brilliant ideas in his mind.

He had the strong resolve and desire to help Aoba, however, he didn't have any concrete ideas or plans on how he could make this happen.

「Shall I confide with Kohaku-san?」

Getting off the train and into the platform, Taiyou mutters to himself. He thought that at these kinds of times, it was better to ask an experienced person.

For the time being, he took out the smartphone that he was borrowing from Kohaku in order to contact her, and it was at this time that…

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan」

Suddenly the Fairy Hera appeared out of nowhere.

Recently, the amount of times she left Taiyou's side has been increasing. This happened at approximately the same time he kissed Kohaku and increased the amount of girls that could see her figure.

It is likely that Hera enjoys the other girls company and so she wants them to be her conversation partner. Well there was no obligation on his part to prevent her from doing what she liked and so he just let her be. Because of this, she wasn't there when he went to Miyagi's house but he didn't really pay mind to it.

「What's up, I was just about to return home–」

Just when he was about to ask if the triplet sisters were hanging out with Kohaku, Hera had a panicked expression on her face.

「It’s bad desu Taiyou-chan, you need to come quickly desu」

「What’s wrong?」

Taiyou’s face became stiff.

「She’s been attacked desu, I have been looking all over for Taiyou-chan desu」

「What? Where is she?!」

Taiyou complexion changed for the worse and he requested that Hera guided him to her location.

The fact that Hera is asking for help probably means that one of the two, either the triplets or Kohaku are in danger. Out of these two girls, one of them were being assaulted?

The girls who had an intimate relationship with.

Taiyou quickly ran down the platform and exited the train station with Hera’s guidance. Just like that he ran straight into the shopping district toward a secluded alley. He saw a large amount of people gathered here. To be precise he saw a bunch of lowlife thugs surrounding somebody in this alley. Clearly something was wrong with the situation.

Taiyou clenches his fists and was going to make the first move, but the person who was surrounded by these men was in fact the twin tailed girl, Junishima Yurikago.

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The fight was finished in the blink of an eye.

Seeing those thugs reach their hands out towards Yurikago in a distasteful way, Taiyou leaped into the fray and literally wiped the floor with at least ten men who was surrounding her; it was instant kill.

The only weapon in Taiyou's arsenal was his fists, in comparison his opponents held knives and batons in their hands but he had the overwhelming strength to overpower them.

Not only that Taiyou snatched the baton off one of the guys and bent the whole baton right in front of them, and this added an element of mental damage to their mind.

If an outsider were to look upon this scene right now, they wouldn't see a fight……. It was a one-sided massacre.

At the very least, this is what Junishima Yurikago was seeing in front of her.

After making a heap of corpses pile behind him in less than one minute, he briskly turned to face Yurikago.

「Are you alright?」

She was quite calm, even though she was in this kind of situation, under the light of the moonlight, her face was cold and collected.

「Nastuno Taiyou」

「Hera-chan is also here ya know~?」

Yurikago murmurs Taiyou's name. Somehow as soon as Hera showed up, Yurikago's face blushes grandly.

Taiyou was wondering why she was acting like this, but he soon understood.

She was able to see Hera. This is because Kohaku made her forcibly kiss Taiyou. He guessed that she remembered that event and that's why she was acting like this.

Though he understood it, he thought it would be better if he didn't touch that topic. He turned towards Hera and wanted her to fly away so that Yurikago wouldn't feel embarassed.

「Hera, can please you go back first?」

「Yes nanodesu~」

Hera obediently listened to Taiyou request without any complaints. Unlike the time where she seemingly appeared in front of him via teleportation, this time around Hera flapped her wings and flew into the evening sky.

After watching Hera depart he faced Yurikago once again and asked if she was alright.

「Yeah, I'm fine, it's not like they were able to do anything」

After Hera left, Yurikago's blush also disappeared.

(She's really cute)

「Well… I wasn't planning on letting these types of guys do something to me」

「Naturally, there isn't any girl who would want something like that to happen to her….」

As he was talking, Taiyou remembered a certain thing. Looking at the expression on her face, Taiyou had a bit of a doubt.

「By the way, just as an off-chance……but what if they did something to you? What if I didn't make it here in time?—」

「self-destruction」

「Isn't that way too exaggerated?!」

Last time they were working together, she also said that in the case of an emergency she would rather die than get caught.

After remembering this fact, Taiyou started to wonder if she was the type of person to use 'suicide' as her back up plan… he honestly thought that her way of thinking was far more extreme than when he first imagined.

「You think? Well don't you think it would be irritating if I just let them do as they pleased? Dying in vain is also something I'd rather avoid, in that case my only option is to self-destruct isn't it? 」

「No, let's not talk about the subject of death. Why is it that you have such a cute face but your views are so extreme I wonder?」

「Cute?」

Yurikago laughed scornfully.

「Are you referring to this face of mine? The last time we met, I was wearing a masquerade mask wasn't I?」

「Yeah, now that I think about it, something like that did happen between us」

After saying this, Taiyou took a long hard look at her face. Although it was a dark alley in the middle of the night, they were standing quite close to each other and he was observing her face closely. And just like that, he asked the question he had on his mind.

「Although I thought about this before, I've always wondered how you looked underneath the disguise. I mean—」

「You are way too close!」

He was looking at her too intently as he drew near towards her, Yurikago reacted by suddenly thrusting out her palm.

Taiyou was in a totally defenceless position and his jaw was hit with the palm of her hand! The sound of impact resounded.

Immediately his vision twinkled. His jaw was aching and he held on to it as he protested to her.

「What are you doing?! When people are speaking, don't just suddenly strike them in the chin! What if I accidently bit my tongue?」

「It's cause your face is too close, don't you agree?」

「No, well I mean that may be true but still! I just wanted to confirm how much you disguised yourself!」

「That's totally unnecessary, a disguise is just a disguise. it's obviously different from my real face!」

Did she perhaps get angry? her cheeks were red as she blurted out the words.

「In that case let me see the proof」

「The proof?」

「Yeah, do you have a picture of your real face or something? Even if it's blurry it's fine」

「A-as if I'd show you a picture like that」

「Why not?」

「What does it matter?!」

Continuing in this manner she seemed to have remembered something else.

「ah, my real face is a guarded secret! As a person who will become the next master of the Junishima family, it won't do if my face is exposed to the public」

「That's a little exaggerated don't you think?」

「This is not exaggerated at all, my great-grandmother died from being assassinated」

「Eh….? is that for real?」

Taiyou's eyes were bewildered. He thought that she was surely just being way too exaggerated, but unexpectedly there was some truth in the matter and this surprised him.

「It's true, my 25th great-grandmother was poisoned to her death」

「What a minute! what exactly do you mean by saying your 25th great-grandmother?!」

「It's because my great-grandfather had 49 concubines」

「What period are we talking about here?!」

「This was in the 19th century of the Meiji era, what? you got a problem with that?」

「……..Sorry, I don't」

Taiyou was going to go into a debate with her, but after hearing about that he decided to tone it down. After all, Yurikago's story was of the Meiji era and it was a period of time that was at least a century ago.

In that time period, Taiyou could agree that a man of power having plenty of concubines

was an acceptable thing.

After toning it down and reaching a point where they could settle down, the both of them walked side-by-side out of the alley way and left the ruffians moaning and groaning on the floor.

She was somewhat leading the way as they walked in the direction of Taiyou Castle. Taiyou didn't have a problem with this. Considering this was Yurikago, it wouldn't be strange if she knew that he moved from his old place to this new place. While walking she voluntarily started talking again.

「I mean, even if I disregarded the story about my great-grandmother, there is another reason why I can't show my face to another man」

「To men?」

「That's right, for a man who sees my real face, I either need to kill them or marry them」

「What are you? some kind of a saint…..?」

Taiyou stared at her in wonder.

「Does that sort of custom still remain even now?」

「That's just the kind of household I live in」

「Hmm, wait a minute? Then are you telling me that you always have some sort of a getup whenever you go out? Otherwise you wouldn't be able to meet with anybody right?」

「Have you ever watched any historical dramas? For example, do you know something called the inner harem chambers?」

「Hm? I guess I know a little bit」

Where is she going with this? As he was thinking these thoughts, he was waiting for her to elaborate.

「In that case you can imagine it right? For instance, when you enter the room of the legal wife of the shogun, or meet with an important woman in that era, you would normally have bamboo blinds that covers the room, right?」

「Well, I do remember something like that……. but don't tell me?」

「It's exactly as you thought. I also usually meet people in that kind of setting, where I am behind a bamboo blind」

「Are you saying people need to be granted an audience just to meet with you?!」

「Is that what you got out of it?」

Yurikago raised her voice.

「Ah, it's because those words were too shocking」

「After all, aren't you underestimating me too much?」

「No no no, this isn't about whether I am underestimating you or not, it's just that in the

21th century Japan we currently live in I just don’t hear the words ‘audience’ used in normal conversation, that’s all」

「…..Well, I guess you might be right」

「Even so, you really are an amazing person aren’t you?」

「Isn’t that what I’ve been telling you? Why don’t you show a little more respect around me?」

「Umm…..」

Taiyou made a difficult expression on his face and as he looked at Yurikago. Although she told him to show a little more respect, for some reason Taiyou just didn’t feel like it was appropriate for him to do so.

If the person in front of him was Kohaku, then it might be that he could show her respect.

After all, as part of the eternally little, her true age was quite advanced, and the words she spoke, the subject along with her facial expressions indicated that on a whole she had this really mature atmosphere around her.

Or possibly, if this was Shirokiyami, it may have been easier for him to show respect and honour. She possesses a fairytale-like beauty and she boasts an overwhelming aura and is told to be one of the strongest girls in the world. And that strength is something that is worthy of reverence.

And although her personality isn’t perfect, but even Sakura might be a target worthy of respect. She wore a tight pantsuit, and she had this adult like sex appeal and is accompanied by many subordinates so it wouldn’t be strange if she was respected as an adult woman.

However, the girl in front of him known as Yurikago didn’t really inspire any particular feeling. On the contrary——

「Just a little」

「Hyan! Wait, why are you pulling my hair?」

Yurikago stops walking and protested. Taiyou suddenly grabbed on to her long and slender twin-tail hair like he was pulling a prank on her.

It was only a light pull but because she was already advancing forwards the tug on her hair caused her neck to get pulled backwards.

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